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Election's home stretch

Selectmen, School Committee incumbents face challengers

By Ben Hellman

As the town considers difficult budget decisions, voters will have the chance to select 40 percent of both the Board of Selectmen and School Committee at the polls next Tuesday. Both boards offer contested races between candidates with different opinions on core issues.

All voting will be at Andover High School's field house on Shawsheen Road. Polls will be open on Tuesday, March 23, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. School will be in session, and parking will be available behind the field house. There will be a shuttle bus running from the senior center every 40 minutes.

Every ballot will be hand-counted at the end of elections Tuesday night to tally votes for write-in candidate Debra Silberstein, said Town Clerk Randy Hanson. Even so, results should be ready within an hour of polls closing, she said.

Silberstein is one of three candidates for two seats on the School Committee. Voters who wish to choose Silberstein must write in her name on the ballot, or put on a sticker, which Silberstein supporters will hand out at the polls. Hanson said she is instructing counters to count any variation of Silberstein's name. "Anything close," said Hanson.

Silberstein is running against incumbent Richard "Dick" Collins and challenger Thomas Deso.

The Board of Selectmen is also a contested race with one challenger running against two incumbents. Challenger Alex Vispoli is looking to unseat Raymond Hender or current selectmen Chairman John Hess.

Running uncontested are moderator Jim Doherty and Housing Authority member James Cuticchia.

Candidates in contested races took a final opportunity to speak to voters through the

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REVERSAL OF FORTUNE



The Andover Warriors basketball bench reacts to the final seconds of play during the state championship game at the FleetCenter in Boston on Sunday. Unlike last year, the team came up short, 40-39.

This time, AHS girls just 1 point shy

By Rick Harrison

Frustration ... disappointment ... anger ... disbelief ... shock ... sadness.

Understandable reactions etched on the faces of dejected Andover High girls basketball players after the pulsating finish to last Sunday's Division 1 state championship game against Minnechaug Regional at the FleetCenter. The Andover girls lost the game 40-39.

It was a near carbon copy of last year's tug-of-war state final between the same two schools situated about 100 miles apart on opposite sides of the Commonwealth. It was a *deja vu* slugfest between traditional Massachusetts hoop heavyweights. A game with many eerie similarities — and two big differences.

Sunday, with Andover trailing by one point and only a few ticks left on the clock, there was another power drive to the basket by a blond-haired Andover guard. Last year it was Jenny Muller. This year, Jackie Powers.

There was another non-call by the refs as Powers took a potential game-winning shot and appeared to get hacked by two defenders.

Here the stories part ways.

This time there was no last-second miracle finish. No perfectly-positioned rebounder (Samantha Hughes) scoring a putback and free throw to snatch victory from defeat.



Matia Kostakis hugs Ashley McLaughlin after returning to Andover, where a thank-you party by fans awaited them.

This time the Lady Warriors, who always found a way to win the big game, came up short even though everyone in the building wearing blue and gold figured somehow the job would get done.

This time, although surprising Andover once again had a number of heroines, a 10-5 run

by Minnechaug over the final 6:21 enabled the Falcons to squeeze out a low-scoring 40-39 victory. On March 15, 2003 it had been AHS avoiding sleepless nights with a one-point win, 48-47. For more, see Sports.

A PLAYER'S PERSPECTIVE

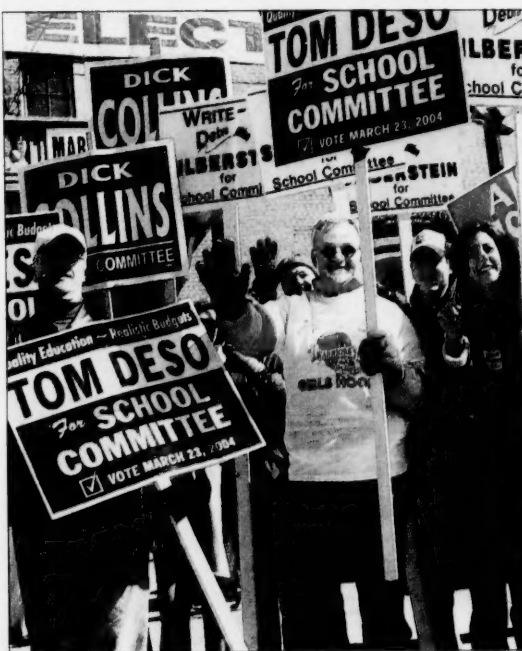
Beyond basketball

The Townsman asked senior standout Matia Kostakis to recount her time as a member of the Andover High School girls basketball team. Her memories date back to well before she and her teammates were competing for state championships — and have far more to do with friendships than field goals.

By Matia Kostakis

Was it seven years ago or was it just yesterday Ashley (McLaughlin) and I put on our cleats and stepped onto the soccer field together? It seems like last Sunday Arianna and Alexandra (Miliotis) and I sat in first-grade Sunday school together at church. Was it really six years ago that Liz (Pallotta), Kerri (O'Dea), Jackie (Powers), and Colleen (Haugh) had to quickly explain to me what a lay-up was 10 minutes before seventh-grade basketball tryouts were to start? Then came Meagan (Merinder), the last sector of our circle of friends.

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In front of Old Town Hall and along Main Street on Saturday, candidates and their supporters reminded voters the town election is this coming Tuesday, March 23.

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Finance Committee plan:

Better contracts, more openness

By Andrea Gregory

With a number of union contracts to be decided this year, the Finance Committee has suggested Andover significantly change the way it conducts contract negotiations.

Its suggestions would reduce the role played by the town manager and have town officials be more forthcoming with their decisions and their related expense. Some of the suggestions were made because of the School Committee's decision to keep secret an agreement to extend the superintendent's contract, said member Harold Wright.

The committee offered its plan in a letter to other town leaders.

"Almost two-thirds of the costs of Andover's operations are personnel costs. For this reason the Finance Committee commissioned a subcommittee to evaluate the processes and decision-making that directly influence personnel costs — the contract negotiations/settlement process," wrote Finance Committee chairwoman Joanne Marden. "The Finance Committee is mindful that its chartered obligations to the Town Meeting are advisory only. However,

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PTO food restricted by health board

By Meredith Warren

A new Board of Health policy has Andover parents training to become food sanitation experts and taking out restaurant-style liability.

Planning Pasta Night at South Elementary School? Better get a permit.

Want to serve crepes and creme brulee to the French Club? Run it by the Board of Health. Potluck supper at your son's or daughter's school? Don't even think about it.

Since last year, the Board of Health has required school PTOs to have a specially trained "certified food protection manager" if they plan to serve food at a school fund-raiser or class party. They also need a town permit for functions where "potentially hazardous" food will be served.

Bring-your-favorite-dish events are outlawed because the food is cooked in private homes, where cleanliness and proper food handling measures cannot be monitored.

PTO members say they appreciate the town's concern for food safety, but the new rules are making their jobs a lot tougher.

"It's much more complicated," said Mary Jo Gustus, head of the South Elementary School PTO. "It's one more thing that being in the PTO you have to think about. You can't just slap a fund-raiser together."

The strict policy grew out of

a change in the state sanitary code to comply with the federal food code. It required every commercial food server, including anyone serving food at schools, to have a certified food-protection manager, plus a "person in charge" at each culinary event who is knowledgeable about food safety.

The state said cities and towns could exempt nonprofit groups like the PTO. But Andover Health Director Everett Penney Andover opted to make PTOs and other nonprofits follow the same rules as other food servers. The city of Newton has a similar policy, he said. "We know nonprofit groups are just trying to make a buck for their cause," Penney said, "but that exemption leaves people receiving the food completely unprotected, and that's not right either."

The rules were even stricter when the policy was first implemented. PTOs and parents were required to have a trained food safety expert at every event involving food, including classroom birthday parties where cupcakes would be served. The rules were softened after the Board of Health decided they were too much of a burden on parents and opted to exempt foods that are relatively safe, Penney said.

Penney is working on lists of "potentially hazardous" and

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FinCom wants to negotiate change

■ NEGOTIATIONS

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the Finance Committee knows that each of you share with the Finance Committee the imperative to aggressively, systematically review all of our service costs."

On Monday, the Finance Committee voted to mail their suggestions to Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski, Selectmen Chairman John Hess, Superintendent Claudia Bach and School Committee Chairwoman Tina Girdwood.

"This opens up a number of questions. This is one of those letters that raises more questions than it answers," said Stapczynski. "Some of this is easier said than done. It looks good on paper."

One of the suggestions entails hiring an outsider to handle contract negotiations. Finance Committee member Harold Wright, who was a member of the subcommittee, said the town manager has enough on his plate, and "an expert" could free up his time and ensure the town is getting the best deals possible.

"It helps to have someone who knows all the ins and outs of negotiating. It's just an important job," said Wright. "In order to get the best and fairest contracts, we should have a specialist. I have a hunch it will be worthwhile."

Wright said he believes the town manager does a good job, and the suggestion is not to entirely exclude the town manager from the process. "He would still have to confer with this person. I just think we can use his time in other ways," said Wright.

Stapczynski said he is not dismissing the idea. He said hiring an outsider would come with a cost. On the plus side, it would free up some of his time and could produce a "more uniform strategy" during negotiations.

"Could that person pay for themselves? Perhaps," said Stapczynski. "I see why they have that on here."

Noting the School Committee's decision to keep secret its memorandum of understanding to extend the school superintendent's contract, Wright said the Finance Committee wants decisions to become public in a

"If they reject them, they certainly owe the citizens of the town a reason why... We want to see things in the open. We want people to see what's going on."

HAROLD WRIGHT
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBER

FINANCE COMMITTEE SUGGESTIONS

- The strategy to manage future personnel cost increases should embrace the totality of personnel costs — wages, fringe benefits and deferred compensation.
- A professional negotiator or advisor should be retained for both town and school to develop a long term negotiating strategy and to participate in the execution of that strategy.
- The negotiating teams should take a holistic view of collective bargaining agreements and their impacts on the town's fiscal policies in developing their long-term negotiating strategies.
- Upon each settlement, a summary report of the costs of all wages, benefits, allowances and deferred obligations should be summarized, including an estimate of the total personnel costs anticipated over the ensuing three years as per the new settlement. The report should be forwarded to the Finance Committee and the town Board of Selectmen/School Committee in a timely fashion.
- The Finance Committee should provide their assessment of the report within 90 days of receipt of the summary report.
- The Board of Selectmen/town manager and School Committee/superintendent should provide timely, thorough communications to the Andover community of all settlements and personnel cost adjustments.
- All parties responsible for negotiations or settlements must avoid even the appearance of a conflict of interest in these essential activities.

more timely fashion.

He also said the town should calculate the cost of new contracts as soon as they are decided. Holding back information, as happened with the agreement to extend the superintendent's contract, can taint the public's image of town practices, he said.

"It's just good financial sense to have a much clearer picture of our financial obligations," said Wright. "We have to make sure we have enough money to cover these things."

Upon each settlement, the Finance Committee wants to see a summary report including costs of all wages, benefits, allowances, deferred obligations and an estimate of the total personnel costs anticipated over the three years.

"I think you have to have a clearer picture of where your finances are," Wright said. "If it doesn't have an immediate impact, what is the future impact? In a contract, there are many things that come into play."

Officials are under no obligation to adopt these suggestions, but Wright said the ideas were designed with the town's best interest in mind.

"If they reject them, they certainly owe the citizens of the town a reason why. These are areas that we feel can fine tune the whole budget process," said Wright. "I think the end result is the residents will be better informed. The Finance Committee likes transparency. We want to see things in the open. We want people to see what's going on."

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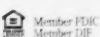
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IN BRIEF

Selectmen release 15 secret-session minutes, most dealing with contracts

By Andrea Gregory

Selectmen approved and released 15 executive session meeting minutes from May 13, 2002 to March 3, 2003 on Monday night.

In addition to the released minutes, three executive session

minutes from that time period remain under wraps. Mary Carbone of Cyr Circle inquired about the minutes selectmen are still holding onto, asking if the reason for the delayed release is because the minutes deal with contracts.

"I'm sorry. I don't have those minutes in front of me," said selectmen Chairman John Hess. "There is still something in them going on."

Carbone also asked why so many minutes were being released at this time. No one

answered her question, but the decision comes one week after a *Townsmen* story "Behind closed doors," which looked at the town's approach to secret sessions.

After Monday night's meeting, Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski said the reason so many were released at once was in part "catch-up" and due to when contract negotiations were resolved.

"Most of them were collective bargaining contracts," said Stapczynski.

Stapczynski said he is trying to release minutes to the public in a more timely fashion, but also admitted that is not always going to happen. He said sometimes matters discussed during executive sessions can take a long time to be resolved.

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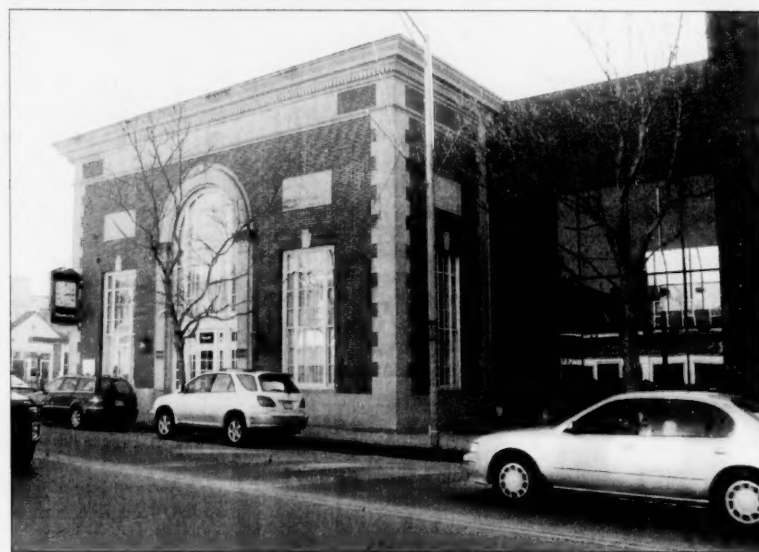
GROWING UP WITH 11 AUNTS on one side of the family and too many first cousins for me to count, I have become very comfortable in chaotic, crisis situations.

— Author Patrick Carey, talking about his mom's roots in Andover, where she was one of 12 sisters. Carey has written a book. (Story, page 15)

MOST DISEASES COME FROM THE MIND. The basic problem is in the mind.

— Jeong M. Baek, head instructor at the yoga business, Dahn Yoga & Healing, on North Main Street. (Story, page 14)

PAST AND PRESENT



OLDER PHOTO COURTESY OF ANDOVER HISTORICAL SOCIETY. MODERN-DAY PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Thirty citizens of Andover petitioned the Massachusetts legislature seeking to establish a "mutual" savings institution. The first recorded meeting was held at Locke Tavern, on Dec. 17, 1834. In 1835, the Andover Institution for Savings opened for business in a second floor office of the Valpey Block. Andover Savings Bank moved to its final home at 61 Main St. in 1924. Today, the spot is a Banknorth location, as Banknorth purchased Andover Bank.

Cole Scholarship

The League of Women Voters of Andover/North Andover is accepting applications for the 2004 Virginia H. Cole Scholarship. The \$500 scholarship is in memory of longtime League member Cole, one woman who made a difference in Andover.

The Cole Scholarship is given each year to a female student, graduating from Andover High School, who has demonstrated the ideals of the League. The League's guiding mission is promotion of political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government. Any student demonstrating these principals through volunteer work in government, education, environmental protection or other such endeavors in Greater Lawrence will be considered.

Applicant must complete an application form, available from the Andover High School guidance office, and submit two letters of recommendation describing their school and community volunteer experiences.

Applications are due April 1.

Finegold office hours

State Rep. Barry Finegold and staff will be holding office hours on Tuesday, March 23 at the Andover Senior Center from 10 to 11 a.m., and at Memorial Hall Library from 6 to 7 p.m.

Thursday, March 18

Council on Aging, Andover Senior Center, 8 a.m.

Friday, March 19

Strategic Planning Task Force, Town Offices, third floor, 7:30 a.m.

Monday, March 22

Joint boards, Selectmen, Finance, Town Offices, third floor, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 24

Board of Assessors, Town Offices, Assessors conference room, 9 a.m.

Selectmen, Town Offices, third floor, 7 p.m.

Thursday, March 25

Strategic Planning Task Force, Town Offices, third floor, 7:30 a.m.

Marland Place feeds Nutrition Month

Marland Place, an Andover assisted living community, and Gentiva Health Services will team up to provide a presentation on nutrition at the Marland Place Community Room, 15 Stevens St. on Monday, March 22 at 6:30 p.m. The presentation, celebrating National Nutrition Month, is free and open to the public.

Disabilities Commission, Memorial Hall Library, activity room, 7 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals, public hearing on Mulberry Daycare, Town Offices, third floor, 7 p.m.

Monday, March 29

Joint boards, Selectmen, Finance, Town Offices, third floor, 7 p.m.

Cultural Council, Memorial Hall Library, activity room, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 30

School Committee, School Administration Building, 7:30 p.m.

Vision 21 Committee, Town Offices, second floor, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 31

Selectmen, Town Offices, third floor, 7:30 p.m.

Health checks

The Andover Health Department will host a mini clinic on Monday, March 22 from 1 to 2 p.m. at Frye Circle. Senior center clinics will be held from 2 to 3 p.m. on Wednesdays 24 and 31. No appointment is necessary.

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At farm, birds seen as health issue

By Meir Rinde

Where did the seagull get that lobster head? The answer could determine the fate of the Nabydoski cow farm.

If neighbors can prove the crustacean's carcass, a stale heel of a baguette and something resembling a chicken bone came from the Blanchard Street farm, Health Board member Dr. Daniel Coleman said he would vote to shut it down. But he told neighbors last night that he just doesn't think they have proof

that garbage dumped on their homes and yards comes from the farm.

"What needs to be proven is the link between practices on the farm and your bird problem," he told about 20 people assembled in the Doherty Middle School auditorium Monday night. "None of us knows the truth."

Residents brought to the health board's Monday meeting trash dropped in their yards by the hundreds of seagulls flying over Blanchard Street. They say

it is evidence the farm should be closed or cleaned up.

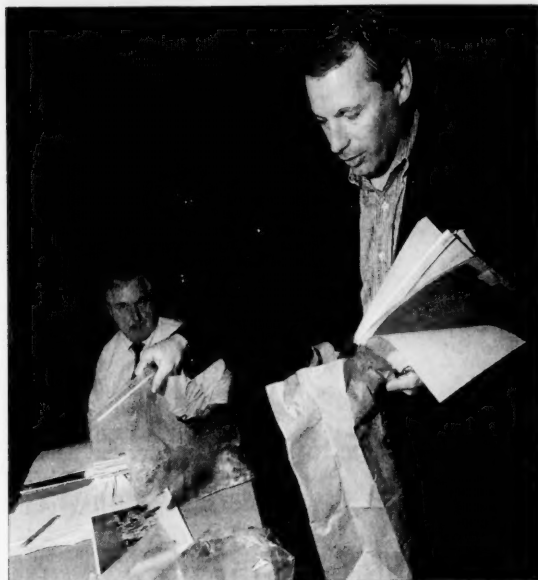
Health Director Everett Penney said he hasn't seen anything dumped at the farm that looks like the trash collected by neighbors. Instead, he said, the 50 to 70 cows at the farm are feasting on lettuce heads, pitas and hay — but not trash.

Complicating the problem is a decades-long history of seagulls flocking to the area. Before developers built Devonshire and Lenox places — the two streets where most of the neighbors live — the field there was often thick with birds, Penney said. That suggests the area is on a migratory path.

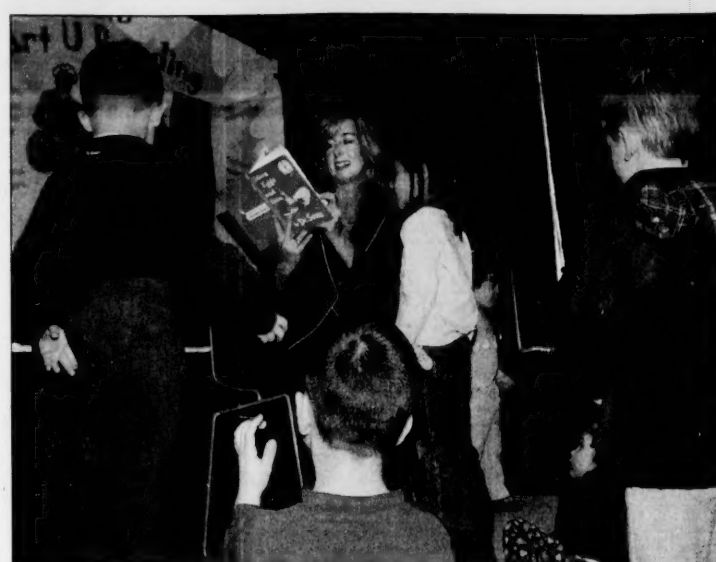
Also, wetlands on the property are full of tons of pig manure and trash collected for at least 60 years, Penney said. The trash could be attracting the birds, neighbors said. The family of Richard and Maxie Nabydoski, the brother and sister who now run the farm, used the farm as a dump for years.

"Closing the farm isn't going to solve it," said Elio Volpe, who lives on Blanchard Street near the Nabydoskis. "The ground has to be cleaned up. Otherwise the birds are going to come back. The town of Andover has to take the lead."

A bird expert from the state Department of Food and Agriculture was scheduled to visit the farm Tuesday, Penney said. The expert's findings will help the Health Board take its next step to try to eliminate the birds, Penney said.



Jay Savely delivers some bird feces in plastic bags to the Board of Health as Everett Penney, health director, looks on, during a meeting about the bird problem at Nabydoski farm and the neighborhood.



Massachusetts Lt. Governor Kerry Healey read to children in Memorial Hall Library last Friday. Sponsored by the U. Fund College Investing Plan, the event was part of the "Start U. Reading" series.

READING

POLICE LOG

ARRESTS

Wednesday, March 10 — At 4:07 p.m., Gail McIntyre, 65, a homeless woman who spends time in Andover, was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct. McIntyre allegedly caused a scene at Buck a Book bookstore on North Main Street and refused to leave.

Thursday, March 11 — At 10:41 p.m., Daniel Martin, 35, of 81 Hawley St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with driving without a license and speeding.

Friday, March 12 — At 1:08 p.m., Ara Beurkian, 29, at 39 Arlington St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with driving with a suspended license, attaching the wrong plates to a vehicle, changing address and failing to report the new address to the registry, driving without insurance and driving an unregistered motor vehicle.

Saturday, March 13 — At 3:33 a.m., James Gorrie, 26, of 234 Andover St., was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and with a marked lanes violation.

At 10:53 a.m., Jason Santiago, 21, of 41 Pelham St., Methuen, was arrested and charged with driving without a license.

At 9:46 p.m., Justine Butler, 24, of 842 Chandler St., Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with driving without a license and possession of cocaine and prescription medication.

Tuesday, March 16 — At 3:28 p.m., Charlie Dang, 28, of 8 Tyler St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with carrying a dangerous weapon, not having an inspection sticker, driving with a suspended license, possession of a hypodermic needle and possession of heroin.

THEFTS

Thursday, March 11 — At 3:27 p.m., a larceny of \$30 was reported from a patient on Andover Street.

Friday, March 12 — At 3:24 p.m., a person reported his wallet stolen from him while walking on Bartlet Street outside of King Subs.

At 6:48 p.m., Phillips Academy reported money stolen from

a cash box in the music office. Monday, March 15 — At 9:18 a.m., an MBTA employee reported his Palm Pilot stolen after leaving it on the hood of a car he was writing a parking ticket for.

At 4:36 p.m., a Wyeth employee reported someone may have stolen a dog house from a neighboring house. An officer said this was a misunderstanding.

BREAKS

Saturday, March 13 — At 2:29 p.m., the Holt Hill fire tower was reported broken into.

INCIDENTS

Wednesday, March 10 — At 1:58 a.m., a 23-year-old woman was home alone with an 11-month-old and experiencing chest pains. An ambulance was sent to respond.

At 1:09 p.m., an assault was reported on River Road.

At 3:04 p.m., a Bullfinch Drive resident reported that two youths entered an abandoned apartment and threw items from

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League debate reveals candidates

By Ben Hellman

School Committee candidates took time to get the main points of their campaigns out to the public at the League of Women Voters debate last Thursday, as the communication offered by the current board remained a key issue.

Candidate Thomas Deso and write-in candidate Debra Silberstein both said one of their reasons for running is to improve communication and openness with the public. Incumbent candidate Richard "Dick" Collins said his main reason running on minimizing the impact of budget cuts on students.

Collins defended the committee's move to keep secret an agreement to extend Superintendent Claudia Bach's contract. Collins said by keeping the deal secret, the School Committee followed its rules for keeping secret the discussions that occur in executive sessions. "The School Committee rules are very strong. We are not allowed to talk outside of executive session," said Collins. "The School Committee has done absolutely nothing against the rules of the School Committee."

Collins said contract negotiations are typically kept secret until the contract has been agreed upon and is ready to be voted on. Collins said all votes and all policy decisions are made in open meetings.

School Committee challengers Deso and Silberstein took the opportunity to say they disagree with Collins' view, saying they would have made public the agreement, which was signed by the School Committee chairwoman.

"It's tough to know what the School Committee was thinking, but I would have gone public with

it right away," said Silberstein.

"I have a difficult time understanding the failure to release this information. It should have been released," said Deso.

Negotiating

Collins said he has the leg up on negotiating a labor contract with teachers this year. Contract negotiations with teachers are ongoing and expected to continue after the election. Collins said he has the experience of being on both sides of issues as a long-time teacher. "I've been there. I can see both sides of the picture very clearly," said Collins. Collins said he does not support everything the Andover teachers union is asking for this year.

Deso said he does not have the skills needed for the interest based bargaining the schools use yet, but has studied the bargaining method. "It requires extensive training," said Deso. Deso said he has experience with employees as a business owner.

Silberstein said she was running for the committee in part to take part in negotiations. Silberstein said she has watched negotiations as a Finance Committee member and wanted to get directly involved. Silberstein said she would also seek to have settlements announced sooner.

Both Deso and Silberstein have stressed fiscal responsibility, but Deso has made it a point to note he would not support the superintendent's budget request for Andover High School teachers until a full accounting has been made of what the Department of Education is requiring Andover to do to meet its 990 "time on learning" hours mandate. All three candidates support meeting the

DOE's mandate.

Selectmen's race

Selectmen challenger Alex Vispoli challenged the incumbents' leadership on issues of the safety center building project, the town's allowing downtown parking meters to stay offline while the town is facing deficits and the lack of use of the Collins Center for the Performing Arts. "The Board of Selectmen should make decisions," said Vispoli. "The Board of Selectmen should take responsibility."

Vispoli's comments came after incumbent selectmen candidates John Hess and Raymond Hender answered a question about their strength as contract negotiators by saying it was the town manager's job to negotiate.

Safety center

Hess and Hender both blamed public bidding laws, which they say force the town to hire the lowest bidding contractor, for the problems with safety center construction. Hender said selectmen sent a letter to Massachusetts House Speaker Thomas Finneran saying the bidding laws need to be reworked, and Finneran responded. Hess said, "Ditto to what Ray said, open the process up, make it more like private building." Vispoli indicated he believed the project was one of Andover leader's responsibilities. "There are hundreds of buildings in the state that come in on time and on budget," said Vispoli. Vispoli pointed to the high school built in North Andover as an example.

Candidate Q&A

Candidates were given the chance to ask one another one

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\$145 training sessions on food

SCHOOL FOOD

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"nonhazardous" foods. "It's very important," Penney said. "People die every day from food poisoning."

Cupcakes are already on the nonhazardous list, along with coffee and doughnuts. Meat and cheese and other dairy products are potentially hazardous.

Penney said he's not looking to supervise "every little handout of candy in the classroom," but he wants to make sure kids are safe.

"In the 24 years I've been here, I've never had a case of food-borne illness originating in the schools," Penney said. "That's a good record that we want to keep up."

Penney designed a one-page permit application that PTOs and others covered by the rules must fill out if they are serving food. Applicants must describe the food they are planning to serve, where it's coming from and who will be in charge of food safety at the event.

"We're saying they need to check with us on anything served in the school," he said. "But we're not interested in receiving a filled out sheet of paper for cupcakes in school. We're hoping that as people understand the difference in potentially hazardous and non-hazardous foods they will use good judgment."

Gustus, the South Elementary School PTO head, said several PTO members are signing up for a \$145 training session to become "certified food protection managers." Twenty-nine parents also took a two-hour food safety course with Penney

Web question

Should PTOS need 'food managers'?

Last week's *Townsmen* Web-site question was: Andover's elected leaders keep limited notes from their secret or "executive" sessions. Would you like to know more about these meetings?

35 people voted.
25, or 71 percent, said, "Yes, it is a scandal that leaders would use executive privilege and not make the records more understandable and accessible. This is the town's business."

4, or 11 percent, said, "Yes, union negotiations in particular need to be more open. Union contracts make up the bulk of Andover's budget."

1, or 3 percent, said, "No, I trust the leaders to make these decisions."

4, or 11 percent, said, "No, matters discussed in secret are for the protection of the town's interest."

1, or 3 percent, said, "I don't care about this issue."

No one voted, "Other."

This week's *Townsmen* Web-site question is: Andover's Board of Health is requiring PTOs to train members as "certified food protection managers" and take other special steps before serving food at certain school functions. Is this overkill?

• Yes, for years school parents have been serving food to raise money, make school parties fun and make parent gatherings more welcoming and enjoyable. This is ridiculous.

• Yes, this is one more way for the town to make it tougher for parents trying to raise money for their children's public education.

• No, we live with food protections in every other walk of life. To put kids in harm's way is just bad policy.

• Other.

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Election is Tuesday, March 23

TOWN ELECTION

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Townsmen this week. Here is what they had to say:

SELECTMEN CANDIDATES

Hender

"I offer hard work, dedication to the job and a commitment to consider the diverse priorities of my 32,000 fellow townspeople when making policy decisions. And to more than a quarter of a century of municipal finance experience I now have added three years of practical knowledge as a selectman. I like the job and I have demonstrated I can do the job."

Hess

"I want to let people know that I've contributed over the last seven years, I have experience in working with other elected officials in town and I hope residents will continue to allow me to serve the community."

Vispoli

"I bring a needed new per-

spective. I will actively keep the town residents informed earlier in the process giving residents an active voice while preserving financial discipline and accountability on the board. I look forward to hitting the ground running," said Vispoli.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Collins

"I have spent my whole adult life supporting the schools and the children of Andover. I don't want to see anything cut that will hurt their education. I will strive to do that."

Deso

"I want to open up the School Committee and bring accountability; make people feel connected to the process and to the School Committee."

Silberstein

"I'm going to restore trust in our schools. I'm going to balance the needs of the community and town as a whole. I want to bring my financial experience

to the School Committee. And my legal background combined with my work on the (Finance Committee) contract subcommittee will be extremely beneficial in upcoming contract negotiations."

Voting shuttle

A town voting shuttle will run round trips every 40 minutes from the senior center to the polls starting at 8 a.m., with a final shuttle leaving the center at 6 p.m. The shuttle will stay at AHS for 10 minutes before returning to the senior center. Shuttle stops, in order, are:

- Senior center
- Town Offices
- Railroad Street apartments
- Frye Circle
- Andover High School
- Senior Center

Those who will be absent from Andover during polling hours and want to vote absentee must apply to do so by Monday, March 22 at noon.

POLICE LOG

INCIDENTS

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the balcony.

Thursday, March 11 – At 11:27 a.m., a man who threatened to jump off a bridge on North Main Street was brought to the hospital.

Sunday, March 14 – At 11:53 a.m., a mother locked her infant in the car with the car keys. An officer opened the car.

Monday, March 15 – A Jenkins Road resident reported someone three rocks at his house and the same thing happened the night before.

At 7:44 p.m., Palmers Restaurant reported someone set

a shirt on fire outside of the restaurant. Police believed it could be attempted arson. An Andover youth was questioned.

Tuesday, March 16 – At 8:27 a.m., a Central Street mom put her kids out in the driveway to wait for the school bus and ran back inside to grab a coat. When she came back, the kids were gone and a neighbor said they didn't see the bus. The mother called 911, but hung up the phone. When police called back she asked an officer to look into the children's safety. They had been dropped off at school by their bus driver.

Between 4:45 p.m. and mid-

night there were 16 auto incidents, accidents or cars getting stuck in snow. No injuries were reported.

AUTO INCIDENTS

Friday, March 12 – At 9:34 a.m., a hotel employee reported their car broken into on Campanelli Road.

Saturday, March 13 – At 1:47 a.m., a car in a parking lot on Shawshen Road was reported broken into.

VANDALISM

There were two reports of vandalism.

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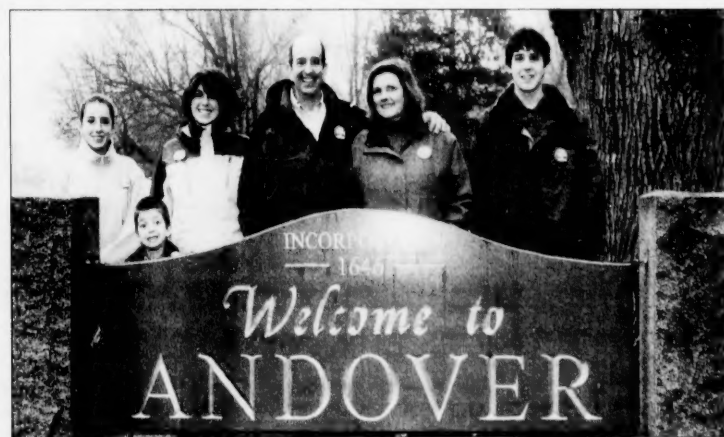
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SCHOOL COMMITTEE CANDIDATES TACKLE QUESTIONS

Richard J. "Dick" Collins



Address: 117 Lovejoy Road
Age: 72
Family: Second wife is Barbara, nine children between them
Occupation: Retired, former teacher and coach at Andover High; has taught two history courses at Phillips Academy every summer for the past 28 years
Civic involvement: School Committee, volunteer assistant track coach at Andover High

Dick Collins

In general, should the schools request a larger budget than the town manager supports? Why or why not? Should the schools receive a larger percentage of the annual town budget (and if so, what town-side services would you pare)?

Yes, the schools should request a larger portion of the town budget than the town manager supports. First, special education costs have skyrocketed and have taken a huge amount from regular education. Second, 80 percent of the overall town budget is salaries and 67 percent of those are school employees. The funds should not come from the police, firefighters or town workers. It would have to come from the CIP and I realize that is not easy, but the current town manager's budget does not reflect the above factors.

In light of annual budget constraints, what are your spending priorities? What school budget area(s) do you consider untouchable, if any? What specific area(s) would you cut, if any?

My budget priority is having sufficient teachers to keep class sizes down and provide the necessary courses needed by our young people. Also, my priority is activities that impact students positively such as music, drama, athletics, etc. Again, I would have to cut CIP projects, as difficult as this is.

What is the proper way for the town to balance school spending, the state mandate for 990 hours of learning time for high school students, and parental concerns about students spending too much time in study halls?

We must have sufficient teachers to provide every student with a full course credit load if that student needs or wants it. Delay air conditioning the Collins Center.

If a parent came to you as a School Committee member with a complaint about a school issue, how would you respond? Are you averse to having those issues aired publicly?

I would refer the complaint to the principal or administrator involved. It would be their decision to publicize this, not the School Committee. If it dealt with redistricting High Plain Elementary School, I would support it if it "grandfathered," not to include present students.

Personal: When you are driving in a car, how do you pass the time? Why? I have a terrible voice but I love to sing old time songs. (*I Had a Dream Dear*, etc.)

Thomas R. Deso



Tom Deso

Address: 81 High St.
Age: 56
Family: Wife, Jo-Ann Deso, married 27 years
Occupation: Small business owner of School Furnishings Inc.
Civic Involvement: Resident of Andover since 1981; have attended 20 Town Meetings; member of School Building Committee since 2001.

In general, should the schools request a larger budget than the town manager supports? Why or why not? Should the schools receive a larger percentage of the annual town budget (and if so, what town-side services would you pare)?

The manager's figure represents the school share of projected available funds based on the budget model. The School Committee should direct the superintendent to develop a preliminary budget based on these projections. This would avoid the annual confrontation we are seeing again this year. Estimates change during the budget process, and the superintendent could include additional items that would be added as projected additional funds became available. Items could be prioritized based on needs. The base budget must take into account fiscal realities in any given year.

In light of annual budget constraints, what are your spending priorities? What school budget area(s) do you consider untouchable, if any? What specific area(s) would you cut, if any?

Direct classroom instruction is absolute. The first priority must be filling the required classroom positions to meet School Committee policy for class size. Mandated requirements must also be fulfilled. Classroom support services also must be met. All other items must be subject to review. I would hope that the superintendent and her budget managers would continue to look for innovative and cost-effective ways to deliver services.

What is the proper way for the town to balance school spending, the state mandate for 990 hours of learning time for high school students, and parental concerns about students spending too much time in study halls?

It is clear the original plan offered was more than what is now required. We must get past the 990-hour controversy, look at how comparable communities are meeting the requirement, adopt those methods, then focus on the issue of class offerings and credits for all high school students.

If a parent came to you as a School Committee member with a complaint about a school issue, how would you respond? Are you averse to having those issues aired publicly?

If the issue has not gone through channels (teacher, principal, superintendent) for resolution, it should. Only after those channels have been exhausted without resolution, should it come before the School Committee. Should it reach that point, I would be disappointed, but not averse to a public airing.

Personal: When you are driving in a car, how do you pass the time? Why? I listen to an eclectic mix of music and talk, country, classic rock and classical music, sports and politically orientated talk.

Debra Silberstein



Deb Silberstein

Address: 28 Burton Farm Drive
Age: 44
Family: spouse, Don, married 20 years, daughter, Ally, graduate Andover High, college freshman, son, David, junior, Andover High, son, Dan, sixth grade, Doherty Middle.
Occupation: Lawyer, 20 years; local business owner
Civic Involvement: Andover Finance Committee (chairwoman of contract subcommittee, participant in Strategic Planning Task Force, liaison to school department), Council on Aging, SHED Inc. Board of Directors, Merrimack Valley Community Foundation vice chairwoman, Townwide PTO Moderator.

In general, should the schools request a larger budget than the town manager supports? Why or why not? Should the schools receive a larger percentage of the annual town budget (and if so, what town-side services would you pare)?

Yes, the school request may be larger than the manager's. Public debate on a gap between a superintendent's request and a manager's proposal is a healthy and needed community discussion. Town Meeting, not the manager, is Andover's legislative body. Joint boards should collaborate on one budget, to balance entire community needs and recognize department interdependence. Trust and confidence are critical to any department's case for increased funds.

For 2005, schools can receive a larger share without impacting town or school services by level funding capital projects (\$294,000); bonding Collins Center HVAC (\$475,000); reducing unemployment (\$500,000) and health insurance (\$348,750) "assumptions."

In light of annual budget constraints, what are your spending priorities? What school budget area(s) do you consider untouchable, if any? What specific area(s) would you cut, if any?

My spending priorities are: maintain class size, create learning environments maximizing student potential, and provide teachers with skills and tools to deliver quality education. Untouchable budget areas are closest to classroom instruction and core subjects. The 2005 budget should not require cuts. My decision-making framework for cuts will analyze proposed cuts in relation to impact on:

- the budget (savings)
- district goals
- student achievement
- residual impact on other services (potential costs)

What is the proper way for the town to balance school spending, the state mandate for 990 hours of learning time for high school students, and parental concerns about students spending too much time in study halls?

Providing teachers accomplishes two goals: increasing instructional time and minimizing study halls. The teachers are affordable within existing revenues and without impacting town or school services. Directed studies and alternative study opportunities should be included. Speedy resolution must occur to rebuild confidence in our schools.

If a parent came to you as a School Committee member with a complaint about a school issue, how would you respond? Are you averse to having those issues aired publicly?

Public debate will be welcomed on all matters involving committee policy, decisions, budget and communications. Open debate enhances community involvement. Good school committees must encourage debate, reaching beyond parents to business leaders, senior citizens, and all taxpayers. Student issues or teacher complaints would be directed to teachers, principals or administrators.

Personal: When you are driving in a car, how do you pass the time? Why?

For short distances, I listen to music. Sometimes I return telephone calls. I am currently listening to a new book by David Brinkley on CD.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE CANDIDATES YES/NO RESPONSES

Candidates were concerned about having to answer yes, no or undecided to some questions. Richard Collins elected to use part of question 4 above to explain his "undecided" vote about "mini-redistricting." Collins said he supports extending the laptop program - and voted "yes" - but not at the expense of other programs. Debra Silberstein said she is philosophically in support of extending the laptop computer program to more students, but voted "no," assuming the school is under the current budget constraints. Deso also said his "no" vote assumed the laptop program would have to be funded within the budget. He did not take issue with extending the program in another way.

Short-answer questions	Dick Collins	Tom Deso	Deb Silberstein
Should the schools support a larger FY05 budget than the town manager recommends?	YES	YES	YES
Would you consider changing the use of Shawsheen School, currently a K-2?	NO	NO	NO
Do you support extending the laptop computer program to more students?	YES	NO	NO
Should there be a "mini-redistricting" to address High Plain Elementary overcrowding?	UNDECIDED	NO	NO

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- Currently - Teacher of U.S. History and International Relation at Phillips Academy Summer Session (28 years)
- Currently - Volunteer Assistant Track Coach at Andover High School
- Nine children products of the Andover Public School System and graduates of Andover High School
- Graduate of Phillips Academy - Yale Bowl Award Recipient
- Cum Laude graduate of Dartmouth College
- Veteran - U.S. Marine Corps
- M.A. History - University of Rhode Island
- M.Ed Administration and Supervision - University of Massachusetts, Lowell
- Teacher Andover High School for 38 years
- Andover Teacher of the Year in 1977
- Chair of the Social Studies Department
- Head Football and Track Coach for 38 years
- National High School Track Coach of the Year in 1980
- Massachusetts Football and Track Coaches Halls of Fame

Dick Collins has devoted his entire adult life to the Andover School System as a teacher, coach and School Committee member. His one goal is to continue to maintain the high quality of education in Andover and to avoid removing any aspect of our educational system that could make a difference in the quality of life and success of our young people. As Dick says, "I am very proud of the Andover School System. A young person only gets her/his education once, you can not replace what you are denied. Our young people are the best and deserve the best."

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SELECTMEN CANDIDATES ANSWER TOWNSMAN

John P. Hess



John Hess

Address: 145 Chestnut St.
Age: 55
Family: wife, Kathy, and 2 sons, Pat (26) and Kevin (22)
Occupation: Health Care Administration, Great Brook Valley Health Center, Worcester
Civic involvement: Elected to Andover Housing Authority 1990-1995, youth soccer and basketball coach, Andover Village Improvement Society (AVIS), Andover Historical Society, Friends of Memorial Hall Library, Greater Lawrence Habitat for Humanity

Discuss your spending priorities. Do you support cutting any existing programs either to balance the budget or provide more money for other programs? Any creative ideas to better use taxpayers, money? My priorities are to provide services effectively while improving efficiencies, where possible. I expect Department Heads to continually look for cost savings while responding to the needs of the town. Eliminating programs could sacrifice non-monetary benefits to the community spirit. A balancing act is needed. Some programs bring in significant revenues to support themselves. I don't like to give Yes/No answers to complicated questions like whether we need an override. This year we can balance the budget with reallocations (e.g., strategic use of Free Cash, lower projections in health insurance). The outstanding question is salary negotiations.

The town may add operating a new senior center and youth center to its budget in the next few years. Do you support these efforts? How will the town afford their operation? The town voted the youth center knowing there would be operating expenses. As the economy improves we will accommodate these expenses for the long overdue senior center and youth center (perhaps with new growth in tax dollars or limited growth in other budgets). We found a way to support new schools and new safety center in the operating budget. If these projects get delayed we can look for cost savings in a shared facility.

Given the town's limited funds, what capital improvement items must be done in the next few years? What items will you not support? I voted against reconstruction of High Plain Road. Do two other major projects (Collins Center HVAC and fire truck). The Senior Center team should have a small dollar amount to finalize plans to present at 2005 town meeting. Look at economy and debt ratios before doing any other projects.

What specific achievements would the town have to accomplish during your term for you to consider those three years a success? Success: Continue to improve on excellent communication between town boards through the Strategic Planning Task Force; establish a regular mechanism for communication from and with town residents; maintain financial strength; improve affordable housing options; and continue Andover as a desirable place to live.

Personal: When you are driving in a car, how do you pass the time? Why? I drive 50 minutes to work so I have time for NPR and audio books from Memorial Hall Library (fiction, non-fiction, biography, old radio shows).

Ray Hender



Ray Hender

Address: 6 Millstone Circle
Age: 60
Family: wife, Diane; son, Taylor (18, first-year college student)
Occupation: retired; some consulting in finance
Civic involvement: Volunteer for Andover Historical Society elementary education and other programs, Andover Youth Foundation telethon volunteer, volunteer for Samaritans of Merrimack Valley, board member of Andover Chamber of Commerce

Discuss your spending priorities. Do you support cutting any existing programs either to balance the budget or provide more money for other programs? Any creative ideas to better use taxpayers, money? Spending priorities: All essential services. Examples: Education, public safety, debt service, contractual obligations, all mandates, required maintenance and replacement of assets, inspectional services. Possible "cuts": "Cutting any existing programs" means elimination; therefore, only non-essential programs qualify. Each program has its own support and dependent group. If program X is cut for program Y, the X's will suffer to the benefit of the Y's. Expenditures on some programs can be reduced and/or fees charged to cover costs. Prime examples are elder services, youth services, and DCS courses/activities; trash collection; extracurricular educational activities; and public hours of administrative offices.

The town may add operating a new senior center and youth center to its budget in the next few years. Do you support these efforts? How will the town afford their operation? I support a new senior center and a new youth center. When each center becomes operational, its budget must be a natural continuation of the budget existing immediately prior to opening the new center. Additional expenses for staff and programs will need to be generated from external sources - including programs that are self-supporting from revenues, and foundations and trusts established to fund increased operating expenses or the cost of additional programs.

Given the town's limited funds, what capital improvement items must be done in the next few years? What items will you not support? Guidelines have been established. They are well founded - fiscally and operationally. All required annual maintenance and replacement programs should be funded without falling into the trap of schedule extensions. For new large-expenditure acquisitions consideration must be given to "debt exclusion" financing.

What specific achievements would the town have to accomplish during your term for you to consider those three years a success? Fiscal conditions, and demands on the educational and other municipal departments may strain our values and priorities. If I can call on my experience, talent, and creativity to help keep this town together and pulling in one direction, I will have succeeded!

Personal: When you are driving in a car, how do you pass the time? Why? I pay attention to my driving! In the background may be the radio or CD with classical music (symphonies or opera), jazz, blues, or bluegrass.

Alex Vispoli



Alex Vispoli

Address: 7 Alison Way
Age: 46
Family: wife, Ann (Maguire) Vispoli; children, Colleen 19, Alexander 17, Christine 15, Kevin 6
Occupation: VP Business Development (local technology company)
Civic: Member of the Andover Service Club; Andover youth athletics coach for softball, baseball, soccer; Boy Scout Troop 76 committee member; active in Saint Augustine Parish; 8 years Norfolk, Mass. Planning Board and Master Plan Committee

Discuss your spending priorities. Do you support cutting any existing programs either to balance the budget or provide more money for other programs? Any creative ideas to better use taxpayers, money?

Safety and education are my top priorities. I believe we can negotiate a budget this year without eliminating or reducing existing programs, such as youth, senior, and community programs which are currently paid for from user fees. Overall, I would review the other programs in town and see which programs are not prospering. I would not support that reduction of existing youth, community and senior services - many of these programs are currently funded from user fees.

The town may add operating a new senior center and youth center to its budget in the next few years. Do you support these efforts? How will the town afford their operation? The planned youth center should be able to generate user fees to cover its additional operating costs. To date the town has not planned for the operating costs of a new senior center. To afford these additions, the town needs to plan and budget the new operating increases over a three-year period of time. I would support a modest planned increase in operating cost, but only after a full review and scrutiny.

Given the town's limited funds, what capital improvement items must be done in the next few years? What items will you not support?

Rebuild our Free Cash and Stabilization Funds;
Complete the youth center project;
Be on course with a senior center project that is reasonable (hopefully at the youth center site).
Explore ways to consolidate town support functions.
The cost of infrastructure maintenance is minimal and a small percentage of total town budget and support level funding.

What specific achievements would the town have to accomplish during your term for you to consider those three years a success?

As a member of the board, I will initiate: a mid-fiscal-year forum where each town department reports to the taxpayers in one evening; a program to aggressively promote the Collins Center to generate new revenue; and implement a formal Design Review Process as part of site plan approval for non-residential building in the town center. Overall I will work to increase accountability to the board.

Personal: When you are driving in a car, how do you pass the time? Why?

I like to listen to sports radio and talk radio. If there's nothing of interest on the radio, I listen a wide variety of music CDs.

Short-answer questions

	John Hess	Ray Hender	Alex Vispoli
Should the schools receive a larger FY05 budget than the town manager recommends?	YES	YES	YES
Do you support a pay-as-you-throw trash-disposal program?	no response	YES	NO
Do you support an override for this coming fiscal year (FY05)?	no response	NO	NO
Do you support paying 65% of town employees' indemnity health-insurance plans?	YES	YES	NO
Has the town done a good job overseeing construction of the public safety center?	YES	YES	NO

Questions for each other

DEBATE

Continued from page 5

question. Vispoli asked Hender and Hess to talk about secret meetings and the quality of notes taken. Both answered that Andover was doing a good job with its selectmen's meetings. Hess said Andover's secret meeting notes are better than other community's notes. Hender said the one thing Andover could be faulted on is not releasing notes in a timely manner.

Hender asked the other candi-

dates whether the Vision 21 Committee should become a formal committee. Vispoli said the committee's results should be looked at first. Hess said he did not think it should be an official board. "If we formalize it, it will become something we have to do rather than something we want to do," said Hess.

Hess asked candidates how Andover High School's girls basketball team would do in the then upcoming state championship game. Vispoli and Hender agreed the team would win.

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Opinion

Consider the alternatives

ANDOVER NEEDS LEADERS who are not just informed about the town's problems, but are willing to act on them decisively. It craves leaders who take responsibility for themselves, insist on accountability from employees, and tackle tough assignments. They must also have a desire to conduct the public's business in public. Each candidate offers a legitimate choice this year, but before voters decide, they should consider this year's group of experienced, thoughtful and decisive challengers.

SELECTMEN

Like the incumbent selectmen, challenger Alex Vispoli has demonstrated a knowledge of Andover issues. Like the incumbents, he has experience working with the public as a member of the planning board and other groups in Norfolk, his former community.

Vispoli also says he will lead on tough issues, and it would seem he has the fortitude to do it. He was the lone member of the Pay As You Throw Committee to vote against saying the trash-disposal idea was feasible. While the selectmen have said in recent evaluations of the town manager that he needs to do a better job with negotiations and the public safety center, they have sent him a mixed message by also giving him raises and bonuses, and blaming the state for some problems. Vispoli says town leaders must take responsibility when such problems arise, and insist on better results. He's right, and we believe he will insist on accountability.

Ray Hender's financial background and desire to have all town boards pulling in the same direction would also be a benefit to the board at this time, given the enormous and contested budget decisions that need to be made.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

THERE ARE THREE CANDIDATES for School Committee, including a write-in candidate.

Dick Collins, School Committee incumbent, has committed his adult life to Andover education. After decades as a teacher and sports coach, he has spent the last six years on the Andover School Committee. Generations of residents remember him as a coach or teacher who made a difference. If returned to the board he says he will fight to ensure all current programs remain, and those cut in recent years are returned. But Andover residents should consider what is being offered by all three candidates before making a decision.

There are key differences between the candidates, including over the issue of whether the committee has done too much in secret. In addition, because of the annual argument over the school budget, the School Committee needs knowledgeable members who will roll up their sleeves and dig into the fiscal workload to find the best solution. Challengers Tom Deso and Debra Silberstein will thoughtfully and thoroughly study issues, work hard with others and set directions.

Deso is a level-headed, hard-working fiscal conservative who believes the schools are a top priority. Taxpayers concerned about growing spending and poor management can consider him a friend. He was one of the only residents to consistently attend the School Building Committee meetings when the Andover High School construction troubles were beginning, taking an interest in how taxpayers' funds were being used. After that project finished well behind schedule and overbudget, Deso volunteered to be on the School Building Committee for High Plain Elementary and Wood Hill Middle schools. Working with others on that building committee, he helped that project open on schedule and on budget, a rarity for town construction projects. Now, he wants to focus his energy on ending the annual debates between school and town leaders over the budget process.

With her background on the Finance Committee and numerous school groups, Silberstein seems a natural for the School Committee. She should use her in-depth knowledge of the budget, and consideration for all segments of the Andover tax-paying population, to ensure the schools have adequate funding without soaking Andover's disappearing middle class. Both Deso and Silberstein insist they will open up School Committee discussions and limit the number of secret sessions held. This is a key consideration, given the decision by the School Committee to agree to extend the superintendent's contract in a secret session.

MARCH MADNESS



Sledding on St. Patrick's Day? Six to eight inches of snow canceled school in town yesterday, Wednesday, and Charlotte Lenes, 7, and her sister Brooke, 4, had some fun sledding down a hill near their home on Shawsheen Road. Their dog, Barney, tries to catch them.

PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

LETTERS

Worth the battle

Editor, Townsman:

Once again the Lady Warriors basketball team and Coach Jim Tildsley have brought cheer and honor to Andover.

I want these fine young women to know that I take their victories personally. When they win, I feel like they are winning for me too. When I was in high school, I could shoot and dribble as well as many of the boys but the only problem was that we had no formal athletic program for girls. Only for boys.

I did not know a single young woman who was awarded an athletic scholarship for college. There is not one photo of a girls' sports team in my senior yearbook. Money for uniforms, coaches, and transportation was not allocated for girls.

Federal law, Title IX, changed the world for young women. Watching the Lady Warriors reminds me that the struggle for equality in athletics was worth the battle, and then some.

Sue Tucker
Farrwood Drive
Andover State Senator

Teaching the value of a vote

Editor, Townsman:

It was very gratifying to be in the presence March 2 of a town employee who really takes to heart their role in government. Town Clerk Randy Hanson was extremely gracious, and helpful, when she allowed the students in our advisory group to come to the field house and observe the election process. She took the time to show the students the whole process, as well as answering their questions. Hanson was even able to help one of our students register to vote in the next election. All of the students felt that the experience was of great value.

Thanks to Hanson and her fellow election workers, our students have been encouraged to participate in one of the greatest features of our government — the ability to vote and have a true impact in government.

Marcia Harol of Haverhill
Minda Reidy of Andover
Andover High School teachers

Reading about residents' effort welcome in Iraq

Editor, Townsman:

Hello and greetings from Al-Fallujah. My name is Sgt. Forbes but you can call me Eric. I have been serving in the Army since 1998. I am currently stationed in Al-Fallujah, Iraq with the first BN 505th parachute infantry regiment of the 82nd Airborne Division.

January was a busy month for us. We raided an arms market and seized IED [improvised explosive device] making materials, RPGs [rocket propelled grenades], mortars, Fedayeen outfits, night vision scopes and weapons parts. Our most notable achievements lately have been the captures of Khamsi Saran (a known resistance leader) and a vast number of terrorists with ties to Answar al-Islam. We have also been capturing an influx of foreign fighters from Iran and Syria with links to al Qaeda.

I can't give all the details for security reasons. Some because I don't want my mom to worry. But we're making headway in cleaning up some of the dirt bags in these streets. I read somewhere that Osama bin Laden is cutting funding to the Taliban and sending people over here to come fight us here in the streets of Iraq. I've fought them in Afghanistan and I've fought them over here. I'll fight them any time anywhere. So whenever they are feeling man enough they can come on down. I'll be waiting for them here at the end of the line. This is where it all ends, and they



A former Ballardvale resident, expected to come home this month, sent some Iraqi cash.

aren't going any further.

I grew up in Ballardvale. I'm now 25 years old and living in Fayetteville, N.C. with my wife, Desiree. I'm writing because I get the paper over here and I read about the VA and the guys over on Bartlet Street sending packages to the soldiers. I wanted to tell them

thanks and I was wondering if you could give them this picture and this money. I don't need anything because my wife and mom take good care of me and I'm leaving here in March. I just think it's great that Americans are being so supportive. I was also wondering if you could say, "Hi," to my mother, Linda. Well, thank you all. Not a day goes by I don't dream about being home in my hometown.

Eric Forbes
82nd Airborne
Iraq



Sgt. Eric Forbes in Iraq.

New haven needed for our 'libraries,' the seniors

Editor, Townsman:

I am compelled to voice support for an indispensable resource in the community, the Andover Senior Center. The unparalleled range of programs and offerings to aging residents of Andover and surrounding communities must be supported and sustained in every way possible, by all sectors of the community. The population the senior center serves is all of us, one day, and we should only be so grateful that such a fine institution exists in Andover. The staff is superb, across the board, treating all participants with respect and dignity. If we are not concerned for the welfare and advancement of the senior center for the benefit of our parents, then we should be for

ourselves, unless we plan to retire in Florida. The senior center provides a crucial segue; enabling seniors to remain actively involved members of the community during a period that has the potential to be a most difficult transition.

Whether active and independent seniors partake of exercise or painting classes, or learn the latest in computer techniques — or seniors less vital participate in the Senior Connections program — this resource must not be considered expendable. Not to maintain the senior center and avail it of the resources necessary to

flourish relegates it to this status. Institutions that are not afforded the ability to thrive and advance will decay, ultimately. We cannot allow this to be the fate of the senior center, or we will all suffer, as the elderly are robbed of the opportunity to be a vital component of the community. An African proverb states, "When an old man dies, a library burns to the ground." We must guard our "libraries" as ourselves, and ensure that they are always provided with safe haven.

Margaret Bernal
4 Starr Avenue West

Unveiling plans for senior center

Editor, Townsman:

Next Monday evening, the Senior Center Task Force will make a presentation to the selectmen and the Finance Committee. On behalf of the task force, I'd like to invite all interested citizens to attend.

We'll be sharing our vision of a new senior center, designed to serve the more than 5,000 seniors in Andover, the fastest growing portion of our population. In more than two years of work, we've examined in detail more than 15 proposed sites. We've held numerous meetings to get

input from seniors, from town officials, and from the public.

Now we are ready to unveil plans for the proposed center, to be located on Bartlet Street, next to Doherty Middle School. We understand the financial constraints the town is under, but we also recognize that if we are to have the new center open in 2007, we must begin now. The financial impact this year and next will be insignificant, while the long-range benefits to the town are immense.

Don Robb
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It also does not publish letters for candidates in the issue prior to an election.

LETTERS

Same-sex marriage

Disagreement is not a sign of bigotry or ignorance

Editor, *Townsmen*:

Reading Karen Doyle's letter of Feb. 26, I am struck by the slander towards other letter writers evident in it. I find it quite ironic that she quotes Matthew 7:1 ("Judge not, lest ye be judged") after having spent the preceding six paragraphs uttering some of the most vile imprecations imaginable against people I suspect she has never met. Among the libels sprinkled liberally throughout her message of "tolerance" is that anyone who disagrees with her is ignorant and not "well read." Also, just to make sure we get the point, Doyle clumsily tries to insinuate that her victims are racist and murderous as well. I am surprised she did not go the full mile and suggest that all of these good people wear white sheets at night and ride around Essex County with nooses. Frankly this letter would have been better published in *Der Sturmer*.

Doyle's assertion that any "well read" person would not disagree with her is frankly absurd. Plenty of well read peo-

ple disagree on subjects of all sorts constantly. In Doyle's particular example, she claims that the issue of whether homosexual behavior is a learned or inherited trait has been resolved. Frankly, I am a very well read individual, and I have heard of no such resolution. The "nature or nurture" question, which is far beyond the scope of this debate, has not been miraculously settled, and I doubt it will be in my lifetime.

I am not quite sure why Doyle brings Matthew Shepard into this discussion either, except to further inveigh against her opponents. Last I checked, the young man was robbed and beaten to death when he went home with the wrong people. While a tragic death, somehow trying to work this into a discussion on the propriety of homosexual marriage seems a stretch to me. As for the enforcement of hate crime legislation, what does this have to do with the topic at hand?

The worst slander of all, though, is to suggest that because letter writers fail to

agree on a matter that is very much open for debate, they are closet racists. Frankly this is a low smear. Every "civil rights" crusade for the last three decades has tried to claim the mantle of the sixties, and to paint its foes as modern day Bull Connors, Himmlers, and Forrests; as if there is no such thing as principled disagreement. The "tolerant" people want us to accept all sorts of diversity — except diverse thought which strays from their dogma.

Doyle quotes the Bible in closing (but not without calling previous writers "pompous Christians"), and claims that her victims should read that book. I find that rather odd since a reading of the Bible does seem to show a rather strong disapproval for homosexual acts, starting in Leviticus (20:13), and into Romans (1:26-27). Maybe Doyle should actually read her Bible as well.

John D. Jordan
former resident
stationed in Chatan Cho
Okinawa, Japan

Suddenly, a great interest in democracy?

Editor, *Townsmen*:

It's really quite refreshing that so many people are on the bandwagon to give democracy a chance. Of course, there are severe limitations in some cases, but who's quibbling? Certainly the neoconservatives can't complain, even if things aren't quite going according to the game plan (like when they won the games, er, wars and then had to stick around afterwards to clean up the messes they had made). People just can't seem to get enough of the elixir that makes the common man feel as if he's a part of the process of his own government, vain as it may be. It's happening all over, from the Ayatollahs in Iran to the Loya Girga in Afghanistan, from Iraq to Massachusetts.

Massachusetts, you exclaim? Don't they already have a democracy? Yes, but apparently there are people who are begging

for a chance to redefine their legal flavor of month. Not that they're turning all California-like on us, but they have voted on a number of issues before on ballots, like the Clean Elections law, and now they seem to want to vote on another one.

They may have forgotten the funny thing that happened on the way to the election cleaners. The people's representatives "forgot" to include change for the washing machines. That was an important lesson in law; if it ain't enforced it don't exist. So what makes the new proposed marriage amendment any safer, or more enforceable, than the Clean Elections law? Is it only because it won't cost any money, or at least not much? No, it's because people like Massachusetts' unelected King Birmingham are really behind this vote. But isn't that why we have laws, and courts to uphold our laws, so that

people in power don't just make up rules to suit themselves, like King George III and Saddam Hussein?

In this vein, would any sane American suggest that we put the US Constitution and the Bill of Rights up to a vote, even in this vote-happy time? This marriage amendment amounts to the same thing. People who don't think so, need to review the definition of America itself through those documents. If we don't pass this law that the Birminghams say they want, are they within their rights not to fund some or all of our laws that they don't like?

Who would be so reckless to think that we can do better than that which has served us so well for almost 250 years?

Equal is equal and anything else is hypocrisy.

Donald McCandless
20 Ravens Bluff

Letter writer gives 'facts' on homosexuality and gay marriage

Editor, *Townsmen*:

Since I was misunderstood and personally attacked by one writer, and because there is so much misinformation, I felt compelled to bring the facts to the table. To do so, I spent a weekend researching homosexuality and the issue of gay marriage. The average American might be surprised at my findings.

1. Homosexual marriage is not a civil right. Civil rights are innate rights that one is given by "their creator." These rights are natural and are attached to people based on their humanity and not based on one's behavior. Some black leaders are angered that the gay cause is being equaled to civil rights. They have stated homosexuality should not be equated with race. Gays have the same rights as all people, but have chosen a behavior not applicable to marriage. They have the right to enter into any legal contracts or arrangements they want in regards to living wills, inheritance etc.

2. Homosexuality, for most, is a choice. There is no reliable scientific evidence showing homosexual behavior as biological in origin. We have been told time and time again that these poor people are born this way and can't change. The biggest indicator that homosexuality is not genetic is thousands of people have come out of homosexuality.

3. Homosexuals are a special interest group (not an oppressed minority). Homosexuals are the only group to claim minority status based on behavior. They have preyed upon the rest of the country's sensitivities so that many feel sorry for them. They cast themselves as victims pressing for government-enforced approval of their activities.

4. Homosexual groups spent \$36 million in 1999 promoting their homosexual "rights," with a total budget from all groups of \$100 million. They also have an extraordinarily high disposable income. With their political power, they control the media and what they report about gays.

5. Open acceptance of homosexual behavior produces more homosexuality. Those who had grown up in a gay family were more likely to consider the possibility of having gay relationships. As immorality grows, bisexuality is becoming the "in" choice on college campuses. Again, presenting this lifestyle as normal will further promote homosexuality, confuse our young adults and persuade them to engage in this behavior. This can only erode normal relations and marriage.

6. Our schools are being targeted by the homosexual movement (more specifically the Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network — GLSEN). It uses them as its primary platform with growing support from the National Education Association. Behind its promotion of "tolerance" and "safety," are the sordid realities of what GLSEN actually supports. Just about every type of sexual practice imaginable is "celebrated" and even graphically described in first-person sto-

Not long ago, my interracial marriage was also illegal

Editor, *Townsmen*:

As white woman married to a black man, I feel compelled to add my voice to those who support the right to marry the one you love. It is not that long ago that my own marriage would have been illegal in some parts of this country. I salute those who stood up for my right to marry the person of my choice and I can do no less than to stand up for those still denied that right.

Marriage is the union of two souls before God, who vow to love and be true to each other for as long as they both shall live. Marriage is also a legal contract which brings with it certain rights and responsibilities. Some opponents of same-sex marriage would deny couples the right to that legal contract, others seek only to withhold the right to call it a marriage. Denying same sex couples the right to use the same word as heterosexual couples, communicates an undeniable disrespect in much the same way that requiring black people to use different water fountains than white people did. Creating Civil Unions would not end discrimination against same-sex couples any more than the concept of separate but equal truly granted equality to black people.

Many people turn to the Bible as proof of the unacceptability of same sex marriage, and indeed there are prohibitions in the Bible about homosexuality. The Bible also contains very clear dietary restrictions which the typical Christian no longer feels compelled to follow, and passages which support slavery, which is an institution that I hope all people would agree is indefensible. Other parts of the Bible could be used

as an argument against women's rights. My point is the Bible needs to be read with an eye toward the time and the context in which it was written. For example, early Christians would have operated under the belief that people had a choice as to whether to be homosexual or heterosexual. We now know that we can not choose our sexual orientation any more than we can choose the color of our skin. We are as God made us, gay or straight. I have found that those opposed to same-sex marriage often cling to the earlier misunderstanding of sexuality despite any evidence to the contrary. Although no one should be forced to give up their deeply held religious beliefs, our legal system must protect all of its citizens from discrimination based on those beliefs.

If marriage is designed, as some would say, for the benefit and protection of children, then why ignore the children of same-sex couples? Children are being legally adopted in ever greater numbers by committed gay and lesbian couples. Don't they deserve the same protections as the children of heterosexual couples? And what about children who are themselves gay? As they grow into adolescence and begin to discover their innate, God-given sexuality, they are currently faced with two choices: to hide who they are and live in fear of discovery, or to courageously accept themselves and deal with the discrimination they will face. I would like to give them another choice: full inclusion in society, including the right to dream of marrying the person they love.

Wendy deLemos
30 Cuba St.

Testifying to the truth on marriage

Editor, *Townsmen*:

Our highest admiration goes to all those who have written in to defend marriage as it was intended to be, between one man and one woman. Sometimes it takes courage to testify to the truth, but it is always the right thing to do.

"Even so let your light so shine before men, in order that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."

— Matthew 5:16

That says it all for us.

Helen Taylor
Jon Taylor
4 Elysian Drive

Opposition to center Neighbors seek end to child-care effort

Editor, *Townsmen*:

We are requesting the town's paper issue an open letter to the Town Zoning Board members expressing the Neighbors of Greenwood Road opposition to the proposed Mulberry Child Care Center to be located at the corner of Greenwood Road and Lowell Street (Route 133). Since the proponent's originally presented their plan to the Zoning Board on Nov. 6 requesting a variance to construct a 10,000 sq. ft. facility where the current zoning regulations only permit 3,000 sq. ft., each succeeding month the proponent's have requested a continuance to the follow-up ZBA meeting. Why the delay? Who knows; it should be a simple answer by the Zoning Board: *No to the request*. A special ZBA meeting is now scheduled for 7 p.m., Thursday, March 25 at Town Offices, third floor, to continue a review of the proposed development and variance request.

As with the recent proposed gas station/coffee house on South Main Street, on the other side of town the same situation applies to the proposed Mulberry project. As one resident recently wrote in a letter to the *Townsmen* on this proposed gas station/coffee house, "Fortunately the Zoning Board of Appeals voted unanimously to deny the variances required for the presented plans. But this could simply be Round 1 and we all must be vigilant about protecting the integrity of our neighborhoods."

The Neighbors of Greenwood Road applaud this statement and echo such statement in our opposition to the proposed 10,000 sq. ft., 160-children, 30-staffer facility, all on a postage stamp size lot of approximately 1.25 acres. While child care is always in the minds of young working residents of any town, having a physically overbearing structure — and a facility of this nature — located at an already dangerous intersection is not proper. We need for the reasonable sniff test to be applied in this situation. That is, does it really make sense given the already growing developments in the area, such as the proposed apartments at the old Ramada Hotel. Would this type of facility be better suited in another location? Why put a child-care center in a residential area with an already high level of traffic and run the risk of increasing traffic problems and more accidents at the Greenwood Road/Lowell Street/Lovejoy Road intersection? Other considerations such as snow, school-bus traffic and other potentially detrimental conditions effecting safety should be considered. In the end, the proposed type of facility is a business, where the proponents say a 3,000 sq. ft. facility does not meet their proforma and a minimum of 10,000 s.f. is required. What does that say? Many more questions can be asked of whether a project of this nature is properly suited for this location.

We respectfully request the aid of the town's paper in publishing our concerns to the Zoning Board members: Please be vigilant in maintaining our residential neighborhoods, say "no" to the unreasonable developments and support the current tax-paying residents when they voice their desire in maintaining the integrity of their neighborhood. We live here day-in and day-out, the Mulberry folks do not.

Joseph Reilly
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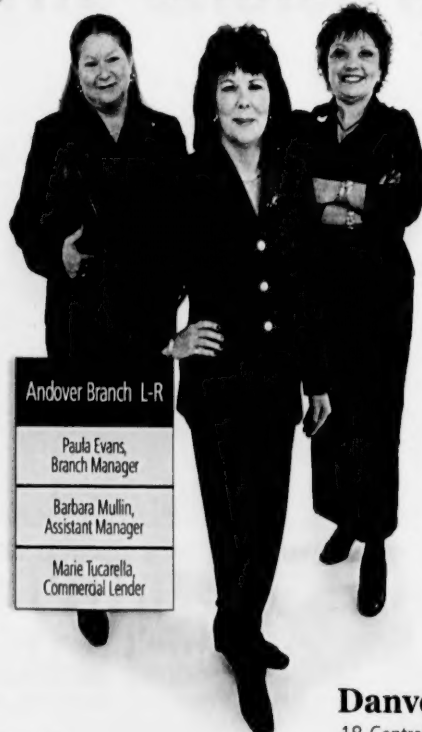
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■ UNBEATABLE FRIENDSHIPS

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as she made her debut from Sunnyvale, Calif. to Andover, Mass. toward the end of seventh grade.

Looking back, who would have predicted that all of us would become such a close-knit unit of friends? Well, no one. Everything just began to mesh and then, before we knew it, we all stuck together like glue. That glue ultimately became the bond we've built between us that is unbreakable.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BEGINNINGS

Middle school was the beginning of this everlasting friendship. We all knew each other from school, soccer, church, or even family relations; however, we all came together by the eighth grade on a significant team built by Robert French. Colleen didn't play basketball during middle school; however, she worked diligently to be part of the basketball program in high school. For that, we all respect her for never giving up and prevailing, as one of the hardest workers we know. Although Colleen was not playing basketball with us, we needed her in our group because of her wit and friendly personality.

My fondest memories of middle school are playing on that team with all my friends. As anyone could agree, middle school isn't the easiest part of life to experience; however, I was fortunate enough to have such great companionship from these eight girls. Not only did we play great basketball together, we also did some goofy things on the weekends. How could I forget that time when we had a sleepover and we watched *The Exorcist* and *It*? I don't think I slept well for a month after that night. That year I realized that we had just built the foundation of a beautiful friendship.

A SPORTS SPLIT, BUT NOT A SPLIT-UP

High school was around the corner and we were all getting ready for our fall sports. Liz and I swam together because we both had injured our knees. Meagan, Kerri, and Ashley played volleyball. Colleen started field hockey. Finally, Arianna and Alexandra played soccer, and Jackie joined them the following year. I was nervous during the fall that I wouldn't be in close contact with all these girls, but I underestimated our friendship because — who was I kidding? — we were together every weekend. Basketball season soon rolled around and we were all excited to be together again. Arianna, Alexandra, and finally Colleen played freshman ball. Liz and Kerri were on junior varsity. Ashley was on varsity. As for Meagan and me, we were lucky enough to be with both JV and varsity. It was a very fun freshman year. How were we supposed to know that the best of times and the worst of times were ahead of us.

A LIFE-CHANGING TIME

Sophomore year has to be the pivotal point of our friendship. Toward the end of freshman year, we were informed that Alexandra had been diagnosed with acute leukemia. At that point in time, we didn't know what to think of the situation. We were told that she was going to bounce right back and would be up and running around with us again. However, that ultimately was not the case. By sophomore year, she had many complications that were unforeseen and eventually became fatal. No one could describe the pain and suffering this young girl had to endure. None of us will forget the fight she had in her and the optimistic attitude she continually demonstrated. I will never forget the way she looked at all of us when we visited her in the hospital. Her



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Supporters turned out to treat the Andover High School girls basketball team to a pizza/thank you party in Dunn Gym after a one-point loss to Minnechaug Regional of Wilbraham, in the state championship game at the Fleet Center.

face just spelled a sigh of relief to see us there. It was a life-changing time for all of us, especially for her sister, Arianna.

When Alexandra passed away, we all knew her life would live within our hearts forever. As much as we get wrapped up in our daily lives, there are times when we all look deep inside ourselves for our guardian angel. Last year, in our state championship game, we all knew she was there with us. She was that miracle we needed during the game, and she called it upon herself to be there and make such great memories for all of us. She has made the friendship between the rest of us so much stronger.

As much fun and excitement as we

had winning a state championship last year, this past season by far was the most influential to me and the rest of the group. This season's "dream" team was dedicated to Alex because she and the rest of us had a wish that we would all one day rejoin as a group and play on the varsity basketball team together.

ent athletic teams, I know there is no comparison to the friendships, intensity, passion, and fun this team brought to each and every one of us. High school and my adolescence would not have been the same without my girls and the togetherness we've built in a basketball team.

As we all move on in our lives, we will never forget the years we've spent together here in Andover. Who would have ever thought one simple sport would bring all of us together and build such a wonderful family? That is exactly what we have become. A family. A company. More specifically, Alexandra Jane Miliotis (AJM) and Company. We are forever friends.

FOREVER FRIENDS

This year was a déjà vu of our eighth-grade travel team. It meant so much to me to have another opportunity to play the kind of basketball we had once played four years ago. There is nothing like it and I believe all of us would agree. After being part of differ-

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Townspeople

TOWN TALK



Holly Parker wrote about her father, Ed Parker, in the February issue of *Offshore* magazine. The piece she wrote, entitled "My Father's Gift," describes how her father, as a folk artist, "shares his love of the Maine coast with his daughter – and the world."

Folk artist goes Offshore

Ed Parker, an Andover artist, has pieces of local history in his home and, on occasion, pieces of personal history in his art.

In his studio hangs an 1840s sign from E.M. Lundgren Funeral Home (where Palmer's Restaurant is today), and a Ballardvale Post Office sign he said is from the 1920s or '30s.

Parker paints folk art. After years as an illustrator, Parker said he is branching out into fine art, but sticking with the style he is known for. His work has an aged look, and a feeling of traditional New England America.

Parker describes his artwork as "storytelling humor with a twist."

"I think I take a whimsical approach to it. There are things embedded that people may or may not get," said Parker.

His daughter, Holly Parker, who teaches English at Brooks School, wrote about her father in last month's issue of *Offshore* magazine.

She said there are things in her father's paintings that she has missed at first or second glance. She pointed out a tiny black feline riding a boat with a young girl off the coast of Maine.

"Our legendary cat made it in the painting, on one of the boats," said Holly Parker. "I had no idea. She's in a lot of paintings."

Holly Parker sees herself, as a child, on the same boat. "That's a very small part of the painting," said Ed Parker. "Sometimes as you get into something, you discover things as you go along."

—Andrea Gregory

Ice cream on the range

The driving range at Sarkisian Farms opened last week and in another two months or so plenty of ice cream will be served up with the golf balls.

Zoning officials have given the go-ahead for the Sarkisians of Chandler Road to expand their ice cream stand near the driving range. The Sarkisians came before the Zoning Board of Appeals this month looking to add more tables, chairs and ice cream, and their plans were approved. Last year, the ice cream stand had just two tables. This year, there will be four or five, said owner Rita Sarkisian.

The ice-cream menu also is expanding, and will feature about 35 to 40 flavors and frozen yogurt. The supplier has not yet been selected, Sarkisian said. She called the ZBA approval a great anniversary present, as the 35-tee driving range is celebrating its 10th year of operation this spring.

The West Andover ice-cream stand is expected to open in late May or early June and will be managed by the Sarkisian family: Rita, her husband, Sarkis, and their children, Jeffrey Sarkisian and Christine Kourkounian.

—Judy Wakefield

Dream car could be reality

A 1972 MGB red convertible is resting in the showroom at Woodworth Motors in Shawsheen Square, awaiting the winner of Andover Historical Society's car auction.

The idea for the auction arose last fall at an Andover Historical Society board meeting. Cliff Markell, co-chairman of the fund-raising event, was given the job of finding the right auto. Markell religiously searched eBay for about a month and a half in the fall and finally found what he considered to be the perfect car, a red MGB convertible. The car was shipped to Andover from Fort Myers, Fla. a week before Christmas and has been stored at Woodworth Motors. It was selected because of its sporty, fun appearance and uniqueness – there were only 500,000 made, according to Markell. The 1972 MGB has factory air conditioning, overdrive transmission, wire wheels with knock-off hubs, a four-cylinder engine, a high class Ansa Marmite exhaust system, and several new parts, including brakes, carpet, top cover and paint. This classic car only has 74,976 original miles and runs strong, he said.

The drawing for the car will be held on June 19 and conclude a multitude of transportation-related events held by the historical society. This spring, it is hosting an array of transportation programs, including lectures about Andover's streets and how they have changed over the centuries, a fam-

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There he is...

Jeremy Peterman crowned Mr. AHS

By Richa Goyal, WHAT'S UP intern

Fifteen contestants, five finalists, one trophy. Last Friday, March 12 in the Andover High School Collins Center, the 13th annual Mr. AHS competition took place.

This year's production was complete with playschool slides, blow-up dolls and a number of entertaining costumes that included gorillas, ninjas and even ballerinas. At the end of the night, Jeremy Peterman was crowned Mr. AHS of 2004, with Anthony Prochilo awarded first runner up, and Joey Abisso taking the second-runner up prize.

"I can't believe I won!" said Peterman, holding the trophy in his hand. "I'm just in shock. I've watched Mr. AHS for three years. I've come to every show and now, here I am, wearing a crown on my head and holding this trophy."

The program opened with an introductory video starring last year's winner of Mr. AHS Avi Lasser along with other contestants from last year's show. After the video, last year's participants in Mr. AHS were introduced and they performed a sidesplitting dance routine to the Austin Powers theme song, which included boys tearing off clothes to expose their over-the-top chest hair, a la Powers. The dance ended to the theme song of Captain Planet starring a blue-faced Dave Baletsa as Captain Planet.

The rest of the show's highlights included displays of musical talents on the guitar, banjo, piano and drums.



Jeremy Peterman entertains the crowd during talent competition.

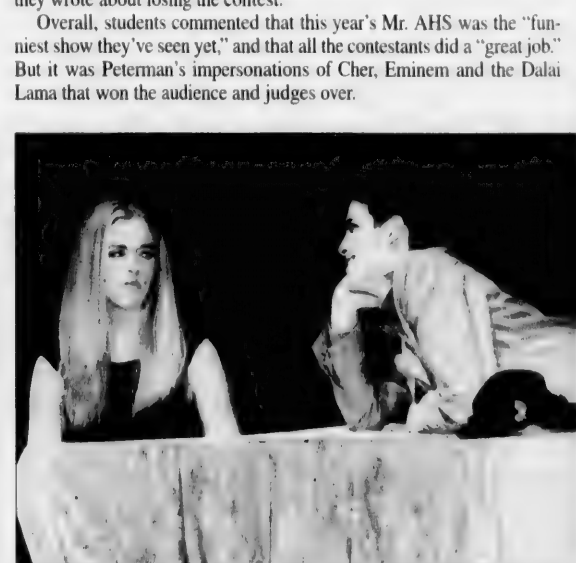
Anthony Prochilo received a standing ovation for his display of talent that resembled the spectacle of Blue Man Group, which included him beating on drums filled with paint that colorfully displayed Andover's colors with every hit.

Every year, the Mr. AHS contest includes a dance by the contestants. This year's dance included 15 boys dancing to *It's Raining Men*, which was choreographed by Tabitha Liversidge and Danielle Cohen. Liversidge, part of the AHS Dance Club, also did a dance performance with Meredith Schmidt to give the audience a sneak peek as to what to expect at the club's recital.

The junior class, along with advisor Michelle Chachus, sponsored the event. Reena Patel and Alysa Perry hosted. For years, it has been a tradition for the previous year's Mr. AHS to come back and give up his crown to the new winner.

This year, with Lasser not able to attend, two contestants from last year's event, Lyle Brewer and Mark Brickman filled the gap by singing a song they wrote about losing the contest.

Overall, students commented that this year's Mr. AHS was the "funniest show they've seen yet," and that all the contestants did a "great job." But it was Peterman's impersonations of Cher, Eminem and the Dalai Lama that won the audience and judges over.



You think? – Sam Silverman (left photo) eyes a dubious Corinne Welsh during the Dream Date Competition. Above right, Anthony Prochilo spoofs crocodile hunter Steve Irwin during the Sportswear Competition. Irwin put his baby son's life at risk earlier this year by taking him into a reptile cage where a hungry croc was waiting to be fed.



The winner of the 13th annual Mr. AHS pageant, Jeremy Peterman, is crowned and hoists his trophy to the crowd in the Collins Center last Friday night. Below: Anthony Prochilo, named first runner up, earned a standing ovation with his one-man Blue (& Gold) Man Group during the talent portion of the competition.



WHAT'S UP

Oldest local sports league sports 575 smiles

ANDOVER HAS A STRONG, RICH basketball tradition, encouraged by the welcoming and inviting nature of the Andover Church Basketball League. Most, if not all, of the girls on the lauded AHS girls basketball team, which on Sunday fell just one point shy of a second straight state basketball championship, played in the league when they were younger.

During basketball season, the field house is packed with young, enthusiastic basketball

players every Saturday from noon to 6 p.m., and smiles are abundant as 24 games are played by 575 participants.

ACBL, established in 1946, is the oldest youth sports league in Andover. The league is made possible by dedicated president Bob French, 54 volunteer coaches and 24 referees. The mission of the league is to allow all children, regardless of ability, to play and enjoy themselves and build lasting friendships, but most importantly to have fun,

according to French. The league fosters an early interest in the sport and undoubtedly has contributed to the interest and success of Andover High School varsity basketball teams.

Volunteer coach Carmen Scarpa says he coaches because the league "gives everyone an opportunity and an outlet to play. It keeps a lot of kids playing and, as a result, many improve and some develop enough to play at

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SOCIAL NOTEBOOK

The League of Women Voters of Andover/North Andover is holding an Organic Lawn and Garden Fair featuring "The Garden Guys" - Sam Jeffries and Steve McCarthy - at West Parish Church on Saturday, March 27 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

As seen on TV and heard on radio, the Garden Guys offer a down-to-earth and up-to-date approach to organic gardening, organizers said. Jeffries and McCarthy, owners of Garden Connections Inc. are horticultural professionals with a combined 50 years experience in the green industry.

Other local organic landscape experts will also be available to answer questions and discuss their services. Information will be available about home composting, soil sampling and testing, water conservation, and other aspects of healthy lawn care.

Organic lawn and garden products will be on display and available for purchase, including Organica, the Country Hen, Willard Water, Pro-Mix, and The Garden Guys 100 percent organic cotton apparel.

All attendees will receive a free sample of The Country Hen brand of organic compost, as well as water conservation products. Mark your calendars for this fun event, organizers said.

For more information, contact Joyce Ringleb at 978-475-3490; or visit the Andover/North Andover League Web site at: www.LWV-Andovers.org.



At the Feb. 2 meeting of the Shawsheen Village Woman's Club are (from left): Bernice Haggerty, Patti-Lou Murray, Ruth Norris, Marcus Fischer, Libby Shea, Theresa Collier and Sue Corcoran.

The Shawsheen Village Woman's Club held its monthly meeting last month at the Andover Historical Society. A business meeting was held followed by Valentine-themed refreshments.

Marcus Fischer, executive director of the Boys and Girls Club, spoke about the club's programs and the need for funds and volunteers.

The Jan. 5 meeting of the SVWC was a luncheon meeting at the Greater Lawrence Technical School prepared by the Culinary Arts department. In addition to culinary arts, the school provides training in cosmetology - where students provide hair care, facials and manicures at minimal rates; automotive service and repair; and marketing, where students run a school gift shop.

The Antiques Appraisal Faire, catering to those doing spring cleaning, getting ready to hold a garage sale, or moving, will be held at Old Town Hall, 20 Main St., on Sunday, March 28, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Items will be accepted for appraisal until 2 p.m. The cost is \$35 per person, which includes verbal appraisal of two items by professional antiques appraisers and a light brunch catered by the Best of Thymes of North Andover. Additional items will be appraised for \$10 per item. There will be a cash bar. Proceeds will be to benefit Quota International Club of Andover, a nonprofit organization whose focus is to provide financial support to help meet the needs of disadvantaged women and children and to champion the education of hearing impaired children in the Merrimack Valley. Tickets may be obtained at Imagine That Florist, 2 Stevens St.; Vena Coco Collection, 93 Main St.; or at the door. Before you give away or underprice cherished family treasures, organizers said, bring your valuables and find out their true value from professional appraisers. Call 978-474-0953.

By Pat Becker Andover Senior Center

Here are some of the activities coming up at the Andover Senior Center.

Spring Craft Fair: The Andover Senior Center will hold a spring craft fair Friday, April 2 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Seasonal crafts and decorations, Easter lilies and spring plants, bake table, etc. Community welcome.

Breakfast With The Candidates: The senior center will host a breakfast forum tomorrow, Friday, March 19 at 9:30 a.m. with those running for seats in the upcoming town election. Meet the candidates for Housing Authority, selectmen, School Committee and moderator. A light breakfast will be served, and reservations are appreciated so that we can plan. Give the center a call at 978-623-8321 if you would like to attend.

Movie Matinee: Come join us Monday, March 22 at 1 p.m. when we will show the recent release, *Seabiscuit*. See the moments that inspired a nation when four heroes get involved with an unlikely racehorse in this true story. Reservations are not necessary; just stop by and join us.

Fix-It Shop: The fix-it shop volunteers will be back at the center Monday, March 22 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. The men will be happy to take a look at any small household item or appliance in need of repair.

Brown Bag Lunch/Lecture: March is "Women in History Month" and our lecturer, Miriam Butts, will be with us on Wednesday, March 31 at noon.

Butts will illustrate, with slides of both England and America, the life of Anne Bradstreet, her poetry and its relationship to both art and literature. Advance reservations would be most appreciated. Cost is \$2. Bring a bag lunch if you wish; beverages and dessert provided.

Income Tax Assistance: Volunteers will be available by appointment at the center on Thursday and Friday mornings during tax season. To schedule an appointment to meet with one of the volunteers, call the center at 978-623-8321.

Men's Luncheon: The next men's gathering will be a luncheon at the center tomorrow, Friday, March 19 at noon. Speaker will be Dan Tremblay, who will present "Ghost Stories of New England," a multimedia program relating accounts of strange and unusual activity here in this area. Cost is \$3.50 and reservations may be made by calling the center.

Massage Therapy: Got those stiff muscles and joints this winter? Make an appointment for a seated upper-body chair massage. Appointments are available on Monday mornings for a reduced fee of \$12 for a 20-minute appointment. Great for muscle aches and pains as well as relaxation benefits.

"Showstoppers": Tickets are now on sale for our "Showstoppers" program, which will take place Sunday, March 28 at 2 p.m. Leslie Warshaw from WGBH-TV will be our guest as she entertains us with some showstoppers - some of the best music from the 1920s through 2002 with recordings by the

original performers who made them famous. Refreshments will be served following the program. Tickets (\$3) may be picked up at the center.

Registration: If you are interested in signing up for strength training, yoga, low-impact aerobics, men's exercise, tai chi, line dance, water workout or easy exercise, stop into the center this week between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. in order to register. The new semester began this week, and runs through the end of May. Openings are still available in some classes.

Museum of Science Trip: The center will sponsor a trip to the Museum of Science for the new Einstein exhibit on Thursday, April 29. The museum is one of only four locations worldwide that will display Einstein's original documents. The trip will also include viewing the *Lewis & Clark Adventure* at the Omni Theater, as well as a buffet lunch at the Galaxy Cafe and bus transportation from the center. Total cost is \$40; a great trip at a great price. Stop into the center if you would like to sign up.

Pancake Breakfast: Bring your family and friends and come join us for our pancake breakfast on Saturday, April 3 from 8 to 11 a.m. Menu will consist of pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, fresh fruit, assorted muffins, juice and coffee. Tickets are \$4 and may be picked up at the center. All ages welcome.

Andover Chamber Music Series: The final concert of this season will take place Sunday, April 4 at 4 p.m. at the Rogers Center. Entitled "Red Dogs And Pink Skies," the concert will feature Ravell's *Piano Trio* and Brahms' *Clarinet Trio*. Tickets are limited and are just \$12 if purchased through the senior center.

Blood Sugar Screening: The center will offer a blood sugar screening Tuesday afternoon, April 6 by appointment only. Program will include an educational presentation followed by a finger-stick test. Note that this testing, sponsored by Home Health VNA and the Andover Board of Health, is for people who do not currently have a diagnosis of diabetes.

Call the center if you would like to make an appointment.

Computer Classes: A beginners' class will be held starting Tuesday, April 13 from 2 to 4 p.m. and will run for four consecutive weeks. Two e-mail classes (one session each) are scheduled for April 15 and 22, and a two-session Internet class will begin April 29. Call the center for more information, or stop in to register.

TOWN TALK

DREAM CAR RAFFLE

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ily-oriented scavenger hunt through the streets of Andover with historical clues, and an antique-car show.

There are 250 auction tickets available, and they cost \$100 each. Those who would like to purchase a ticket can do so at Royal Jewelers, Woodworth Motors or the Andover Historical Society, or contact any historical society board member.

Daydreamers may stop by Woodworth Motors to inspect the dream car. Markell will be driving it in the Memorial Day Parade.

- Jaclyn Todisco

New church plans in works

While Catholic church closings are dominating headlines around the state, plans are under way for a new Protestant church to open in the Andover area.

Bethel Community Church is planning to open next year, but is hosting a six-week spirituality course at Merrimack College this spring as a way to introduce its philosophy, according to church spokesman Mary Ellen Siegler.

The six-week course runs on Thursdays from March 25 to May 6 at Merrimack College. The discussion group will talk about such issues as "How can anybody be sure God exists?" and "What is the purpose of life?" according to Siegler.

To register and for more information, call Siegler at 978-362-1536.

- Judy Wakefield

Andover Church Basketball League

WHAT'S UP: ACBL

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the high-school level."

Early presidents included Charlie McCullough, Al Lord, Wayne Newton and Don Rathburn. Bob French, a Lawrence native, who was a member of the first Merrimack College team, has been the ACBL president since 1978. French, who got his initial coaching experience in the Central Catholic grammar school league, moved to Andover in 1968. At the time, Father Paul Keyes of St.

Robert's recruited French to run the St. Robert's program in the ACBL.

In 1968, the league was for players aged 8-15 and was predominately for boys, though a few girls participated. On becoming president French immediately organized an all-girls division and also established rules to make the league more player-friendly, such as mandatory half-court defense and alternating possessions on jump balls.

- Jaclyn Todisco

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OBITUARIES

Melville Chapin

Andover native was well-known at Phillips Academy

Melville "Mel" Chapin, 85, of Cambridge, died Tuesday, March 9, after a brief illness.

Mr. Chapin, an Andover native who was very well-known at Phillips Academy, was of counsel with Kirkpatrick & Lockhart, formerly Boston's Warner & Stackpole, where he had been a partner and chairman.

His granddaughter, Liza Klausmann of Paris, France, wrote a tribute to him for Phillips Academy, saying "he was a man of great dignity and elegance, even in death."

"He was a man who liked his tools, who carried around salves and balms with which to cure his family's cuts and scrapes, a man who polished his wife's shoes every Saturday and who liked to sit on a dock in Menemsha and eat raw clams out of their shells."

"But he was also a man who raised \$52 million for the 200th anniversary fund for Phillips Academy Andover, where during his life he wore many hats," she wrote.

Those hats included student, president of the board of trustees, president and chairman of the bicentennial fund, trustee emeritus and chairman of planned giving.

In addition, he served as chairman of Massachusetts Eye and Ear, chairman of the Yale Alumni board, chairman of Yale's planned giving, president of the Yale Club of Boston, director of the former Bank of New England, director of Cambridge Bancorp, president of Cambridge Community Services, President of United Community Services and director of United Way of Massachusetts.

Awards were numerous for Mr. Chapin as he was a recipient of the United Community Planning Corporation's Charles M. Rogerson Award, the Yale Medal, the Yale Bowl, Yale's Nathan Hale Award and the Andover Bowl.

Members of his family include his wife, Elizabeth Parker Chapin; children, Elizabeth and John H. Grummon, of Mattapoisett and Allan M. Chapin of New York City; and seven grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may

be made to the Foundation of the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, Inc., Development Office, 243 Charles St., Boston, MA 02114; Yale University Class of 1940, Yale Office of Development Memorial Program, P.O. Box 2038, New Haven, CT; or the Melville Chapin Memorial Fund, Phillips Academy, 180 Main St., Andover, 01810.

Burial will be private. A memorial service will be held Saturday, April 24 at 3 p.m. at Phillips Academy in Andover.

Evye Tracy

Taught elementary school in Maine

Evye (Lyon) Tracy, 87, of North Andover, died Sunday, March 14 at Academy Manor in Andover.

She graduated from Machias State Teachers College in Machias, Maine, and the University of Maine Presque Isle State Teachers College. She taught elementary school in Maine.

A North Andover resident since 1955, Mrs. Tracy was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church and the Church Auxiliary and Women's Club.

She was the widow of William Tracy.

Members of her family include her nieces, Doris and her husband Ted Chaney of Hampstead, N.H., Kathryn and her husband Tim Kokin of Kingston, N.H., and Bonnie and her husband Bob Jacobs of Olympia, Wash.; and three grandnephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Main Street, North Andover, 01845.

Arrangements were by Dewhirst & Conte Funeral Home, 17 Third St., North Andover.

Ann R. Campbell

Former Andover realtor was retired in Dennis

Ann Regina Campbell, 75, of East Dennis and formerly of Andover, died Friday, March 12 at Cape Cod Hospital in Hyannis, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Born in Manchester, Conn., she was raised and educated there. She was a graduate of the University of Connecticut. After college, she had a distinguished career with the Southern New England Telephone Co. (SNET).

Mrs. Campbell moved to Andover in 1966, where she later worked as a realtor for Doherty Real Estate in Andover and for Schruender Real Estate in North Andover.

She retired in 1989 and moved to East Dennis, where she was a volunteer for the American Cancer Society Shop in Barnstable. She also enjoyed

playing bridge, reading and knitting, was an active member of the Village Garden Club of Dennis and created many fond memories with her nine grandchildren.

Members of her family include her husband of 49 years, Collin R. Campbell; daughters, Kathleen C. Sanford and her husband Paul of Barrington, R.I., Mary C. Dunbar and her husband Bruce of Andover and Jane C. Gianetti and her husband Stephen of North Andover; sons, Robert C. Campbell of Plaistow, N.H. and John C. Campbell and his wife Peg of Andover; sister, Eileen Scallion of Manchester, Conn.; nine grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute, 44 Binney St., Boston, MA 02115; or to the Hospice Foundation of Cape Cod, 270 Communication Way, Hyannis, MA 02601.

Arrangements were by the Hallett Funeral Home, 273 Station Ave., South Yarmouth.

A private burial will be held in West Parish Cemetery, Andover.

Rita K. Haller

Former resident was active in local groups

Rita K. (Kern) Haller, 88, of Methuen and formerly of Andover, died Thursday, March 11 at her daughter's home.

She worked at the Andover Companies for many years.

Born in Lawrence, Mrs. Haller graduated from McIntosh Business School in Lawrence and was a member of Christ Church in Andover and the Andover Garden Club. In addition, Mrs. Haller was an avid traveler.

She was the widow of Harold Haller.

Members of her family include her daughter, Susan Frost of Methuen; brother, Joseph Kern of Lawrence; two granddaughters; four great-grandchildren; and a niece.

Services were private and under the direction of Burke Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St., Andover.

Nancy Taormina

Worked as a stitcher and an electronics assembler

Nancy Taormina, 73, of Methuen, died Thursday, March 11 at Wingate Nursing Home in Andover.

She was a stitcher at William Barry Manufacturing Co. and later was an assembler in the electronic industry before retiring.

Born and educated in Lawrence, Ms. Taormina graduated from Lawrence High School in 1949 and was a member of Holy Rosary Church and St. Rita's Sodality.

DEATHS

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Marion W. Waters, 89

DEATHS ELSEWHERE

BILODEAU — Denise A. Bilodeau, 38, of Methuen, died Monday, March 15 at Caritas Holy Family Hospital. She was a data transcriber at the Internal Revenue Service in Andover for 14 years.

GRAVES — Arthur H. Graves, 96, of West Springfield, died Thursday, March 11 at a local rehabilitation center. Members of his family include his daughter and son-in-law, Katherine V. and Arthur W. Iworsley, and grandchildren, Joy K. and Eric P. Iworsley, all of Andover.

KEARNS — Lillian Alice Kearns, 82, of Haverhill, died Thursday, March 11. She worked for the Andover Companies in Andover.

MATTHEWS — Joan C. (Brunelle) Matthews, 75, of Lowell, died Tuesday, March 16, at her home after a lengthy battle with breast cancer. Members of her family include her son, Owen P. Matthews and his wife Aleksandra of Andover.

SCOTT — Simone (Michaels) Scott, 81, of Plymouth, Vt., died Wednesday, March 10. Members of her family include her son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Ellen Scott of Andover.

WATERS — Marion W. Waters, 89, of Methuen, died Tuesday, March 16 at Caritas Holy Family Hospital. Members of her family include her sister, Mildred Cain of Andover.

Members of her family include her sister, Freda and her husband Robert Koralishn of Methuen and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were by Cataudella Funeral Home, 126 Pleasant Valley St., Methuen.

Alice Lundgren

Andover native was a homemaker

Alice (Ryley) Lundgren, 91, of Methuen, died Monday, March 8 at Caritas Holy Family Hospital in Methuen.

Born and educated in Andover, Mrs. Lundgren was a homemaker and lived in Andover before moving to Halcyon House in Methuen.

She was the widow of Malcolm E. Lundgren.

Members of her family include a niece and a nephew.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice.

There were no calling hours and services were private.

Arrangements were by John Breen Memorial Funeral Home, 122 Amesbury St., Lawrence.

Leo J. Glynn

Was an engineer at Western Electric

Leo J. Glynn of Andover died Tuesday, March 16 at Saints Memorial Medical Center in Lowell.

He was a quality engineer at Western Electric before retiring. Born in Lowell, Mr. Glynn served in the Navy during World War II, receiving the World War II Victory Medal, the American Area Medal, the Asiatic Pacific Medal and the Philippine Liberation Medal. He lived in Andover for the past 30 years.

Members of his family include his son, Leo J. Glynn Jr. of Derry, N.H.; daughters, Sally E. Harris and her husband Mitch of Georgia and Carol A. McKee and her husband Marc of South Carolina; brother, James Glynn of California; eight grandchildren; and several

nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Joslin Diabetes Foundation, 15 Joslin Road, Boston, MA 02115.

Friends may call today, Thursday, March 18 from 11 a.m. to noon at Fay McCabe Funeral Home, 105 Moore St., Lowell. Funeral services will follow at 12:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church, Lowell. Burial will be in St. Patrick Cemetery.

Grace M. Hatch

Was registered nurse anesthetist

Grace M. Hatch, 90, died Sunday, March 14 at Prescott House Nursing Home in North Andover.

Born in Lawrence and raised in Andover, she graduated from Pynchard High School and Beth Israel Hospital School of Nursing in New York City, where she joined the staff upon her graduation.

She served with the Army Nurse Corps during World War II in Iceland, Panama, Saipan, Puerto Rico and Iwo Jima.

After the war, she was a registered nurse anesthetist and spent two tours in Germany.

Mrs. Hatch retired from Fort Monmouth, N.J., in 1961 and returned to Andover.

Members of her family include her niece, Sally Hatch of Gloucester.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice.

Funeral services are today, Thursday, March 18 at 11:30 a.m. at Charles Dewhirst Andover Funeral Home, 33 Pearson St., Andover. Cremation will follow and private burial will be in Spring Grove Cemetery, Andover.

Luis A. Salazar

Repaired radios and televisions

Luis A. Salazar, 91, of Andover, died Monday, March 15 at Sutton Hill Center in North Andover.

He owned his own business repairing radios and televisions and later worked at Bell Telephone Laboratories. He was transferred to the Kearney Plant of Western Electric in Andover, worked for the Lawrence Plant and then to the present location, now Lucent Technologies, in North Andover.

Mr. Salazar lectured across the country and at the University of Costa Rica and Puerto Rico. He also taught at MIT, Merrimack College and Franklin Technical Institute. He published many articles on microwaves and a historical biography of the Salazar family.

Born in San Jose, Costa Rica, he moved to this country at the age of 15 and attended Peckskill Military Academy in Hudson Valley, N.Y., and received an electrical engineering degree from Lehigh University in Pennsylvania.

Members of his family include his wife of 68 years, Rosita M. (Salaverria) Salazar; daughter, Rosita L. Proulx of Andover; son-in-law, Paul Proulx of Boxford; three grandchildren; two great-granddaughters; and several nieces and nephews. He was the father of the late Fernando N. Salazar.

Calling hours are today, Thursday, March 18 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Burke Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St., Andover.

A funeral Mass will be said tomorrow, Friday, March 19 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Augustine Church, Essex Street, Andover.

Burial will follow in West Parish Cemetery, Andover.

OBITUARIES

The *Townsmen* will publish obituaries of Andover residents without charge.

The paper also will publish without charge a short announcement of those people who died and did not live here, but are related to someone who lives in Andover. This listing will include the name of the deceased, where he or she lived, when he or she died, and names of relatives in Andover.

Those who wish to have a complete obituary published about a person who did not live in Andover can pay for a death notice. The cost of a death notice depends on the length of the notice.

Questions? Call Jack Grady or Neil Fater at 978-475-7000.

SouthWinds service Saturday

SouthWinds at South Church will offer a service of worship this Saturday, March 20 at 5 p.m.

Entitled "When Pigs Can Fly," the service is a worshipful consideration of the possibilities of transforming experiences in our journey of faith. Leading the worship service is author and innovation consultant Doug Bate. Music for the service will be provided by the Willie Sordillo Jazz Ensemble.

SouthWinds services are open to all seeking spirituality amidst today's complexity.

Death Notice

Arthur H. Graves - West Springfield, MA - Arthur H. Graves, 96, died March 11, 2004 at a local rehabilitation center. Born March 29, 1907 in Ashfield, MA he attended local schools graduating from Sanderson Academy in 1925. After graduating from Massachusetts Agricultural College (now UMASS Amherst) in 1930, which included completion of the ROTC program, he worked for various relatives as it was during the depression. On July 26, 1937, Arthur married Barbara R. Clark of Ashfield, MA. Until 1943 he was the manager of the Murray Farm in South Ashfield. During this time, Arthur was a member of the Massachusetts State Guard as a plane spotter. In 1943 they moved to Greenwich, CT so he could work as a dairyman. However, he joined the Railway Mail Services as a clerk sorting mail on the trains. In 1944 he transferred to Springfield, MA where after working in various Post Office facilities he retired in 1973.

Arthur was pre-deceased by a son, Rodney W. in 1988, four brothers and two sisters. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Barbara R. Graves, daughters Patricia L. Smith of Brunswick, ME and Katherine V. Iworsley and her husband Arthur W. Iworsley of Andover, MA. Also 3 grandchildren; Kimberly J. Smith of Jefferson, ME; Joy K. and Eric P. of Andover, MA; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

A memorial service will be held at a later date in Ashfield, MA arranged by Smith Kelleher Funeral Home of Shelburne Falls, MA. There will be an open house at the home of Barbara Graves, 40 Adrian Avenue, West Springfield, MA on Saturday, March 20 from 2-4 p.m. Donations in Arthur's name may be made to the Ashfield Ambulance Service care of Doug Mollison of Ashfield, MA or a charity of your choice.

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BRIEFS

Daniels joins law firm

The law firm of Devine, Millimet & Branch, Professional Association announces the addition of a new attorney to its Andover office: Peter Sheriff Daniels.

Daniels is a member of the corporate department where he concentrates his practice in corporate and real estate law. He received his bachelor's degree from Boston College and his J.D. (cum laude) from Suffolk University Law School. At Suffolk University Law School, Daniels was a member of the Moot Court Honor Board, where he served as competition director. He is a member of the Massachusetts Bar Association.



Peter Sheriff Daniels

Daniels grew up in the Merrimack Valley Area, and was a graduate of Andover High School. He currently resides in Andover.

Devine Millimet, established in 1947, has over 80 attorneys in four locations in New Hampshire and Massachusetts. The firm provides a full range of corporate and litigation services throughout the northern New England region.

Top Prudential Howe agents

Prudential Howe & Doherty Realtors announced its top producing agents for 2003:

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"These Realtors represent the very best of our company, both in sales and in customer service," says JB Doherty, broker/owner of the Prudential Howe & Doherty. "We congratulate Amy, Kathy, and Sheryl, as well as all of our agents who have worked so hard in 2003 to make Prudential Howe and Doherty a leader in real estate in the Andovers."

Amy Sebell has been a realtor for more than 20 years, and has been honored as a member of the Hall of Fame and the Chairman's Circle, 2003. She is an alumna of the Graduate Realtors Institute as well as the University of Pennsylvania, and holds a master's in education from Bank Street College of Education. Her designations include Certified Residential Specialist, Fine Homes Specialist, and Certified Buyer's Representative.

Kathy Cyrier has been in real estate for nearly 20 years and is a former and current member of the Chairman's Circle with Prudential.

Sheryl Doherty has been in real estate since the 1980s, and is also a recipient of the Chairman's Circle award as well as a member of the Leading Edge Society.

Bruins star kicked off new fitness center's opening

Boston Bruins' offensive star Sergei Samsonov was the celebrity guest at the grand opening celebration at Andover Fitness and Conditioning Center (AFCC), 5 Dundee Park, on Feb. 7.



Sergei Samsonov

Local hockey fans received complimentary autographed photographs of Samsonov. In addition, photographs were taken with the hockey star and AFCC donated all proceeds to a charity sponsored by Samsonov, Mike's Wish Foundation.

AFCC also offered those attending a free day of fitness. Members and guests enjoyed special services throughout the grand opening celebration: complimentary massages, spinal screening, heart-rate monitoring, body-composition analysis, nutritional counseling and free child care. Raffle prizes from local merchants were offered throughout the day.

NEW BUSINESS

Yoga: 'Internal' (alternative) medicine

By Andrea Gregory

Leave all shoes at the door and step onto the soft, yellow foam floor. Walk into the sunlit room where the yellow walls and several large windows create an inviting and gentle atmosphere. Incense burns in one corner of the room near a teapot resting on a knee-high table. The subtle sound of oriental music plays in the background. It is time for yoga.

That is the scene at Dahn Yoga and Healing, which opened this week at 166 North Main St. It is the fourth location for the company.

The word Dahn means energy. Through classes and workshops, Jeong Baek, the head instructor at the new Andover location, says people can reach a higher level of self-awareness and improve their mental and physical health. Baek says some people look to the yoga for alternative healing measures.

"Most diseases come from the mind. The basic problem is in the mind," says Baek. "I say, 'I don't heal you. You heal yourself.' Healing happens by yourself. I'm just a guide."

Baek says there is more to yoga than relaxing on a mat and stretching the body once a week. She says to receive the long term benefits of this ancient form of exercise, people should adopt a more vigorous routine. She recommends that people practice yoga three times a week to truly understand the exercise and see lasting results.

The center offers Sunday workshops to help people fully grasp the concept of yoga and mental healing. The workshops kick off with an eight-hour initial session and then two-hour sessions for the following three Sundays. There are different classes offered throughout the week. Most classes are 70 minutes long. Some classes target stress relief, rejuvenation and circulation.

"We focus on mind exercises, not just physical exercises," Baek says. "Everything has to be together. To become a true master of your physical body (you need to realize) your body is yours, not you. My body is not me, but



Jeong M. Baek, head instructor at the new Andover yoga business, Dahn Yoga & Healing, at 166 North Main St.



The yoga studio is located in the Nathan Frye House Offices.

mine."

Lying on a soft, green mat, people can use breathing exercises and simple movement to create an internal state of reflection, claims Baek. She says people lose energy

by focusing on the outside world, rather than on what is happening internally. Yoga can help people develop harmony within themselves and retain energy through inner focus, she says.

"The center is not outside," says Baek.

There's a simple test: put your arms out to their sides. Stand on one foot and count to 10, then count to 10 while on the other foot. Repeat the same exercise with your eyes closed. If it is more difficult to balance with one's eyes closed, then that person is focusing too much on outside factors, says Baek. "You need to hold your mind in your body," Baek says. "We focus on mind exercises, not just physical exercises. Everything has to be put together."

Private one-hour consultations are going on this week. During March, the cost of a consultation is \$18, half the typical \$36 fee. Classes and workshops will start next week ranging from \$360 to \$2,700, depending on one's membership.

Memberships include a yoga mat and yoga attire. Private sessions are also available.

For more information call 978-475-1116.

Coachman's considers mall approval detrimental

By Andrea Gregory

Coachman's Ridge - a 96-unit 40B condominium complex at 170 Haverhill St. that is months away from completion, already is concerned about future developments affecting the site.

It has filed an appeal to halt a 77,500 square foot strip mall from proceeding with construction. The Eaglewood Properties' strip mall would go up along Route 114 and about Coachman's Ridge. A representative for the mall project called the appeal "frivolous." Mark Johnson, attorney for Coachman's Ridge, said he did not wish to comment on the appeal other than to say both parties were trying to reach an agreement.

The appeal states the North Andover Planning Board's approval "is legally untenable, unreasonable, whimsical, capricious, arbitrary, based on an error

of law, and in violation of the town of North Andover zoning bylaws, and the Massachusetts Zoning Act." The appeal claims the North Andover Planning Board failed to protect the Coachman property from detrimental site characteristics. It mentions dumpsters for the North Andover businesses will be located right on the property line. It claims the site will have an inadequate drainage system where runoff will enter the Coachman's Ridge site, that the screening between the properties is inadequate and that noise and vibrations from commercial deliveries which have been permitted at the site between 6 and 11 a.m. could create "a demonstrable adverse impact on the Coachman Property."

Coachman's Ridge is currently marketing its to-be-built condos. If the strip mall goes up as proposed, some of Coachman's units will

face the back of the strip mall where dumpsters, a loading zone and parts of the building will be less than 100 feet away. The North Andover Planning Board's decision requires Eaglewood Properties to create a retaining wall and plant a minimum of 40 eastern red cedars that are between 5- and 6-foot tall, 14 white spruces that are 5- to 6-foot tall and one 10- to 12-foot white pine to serve as a buffer between the properties.

Bob LaRochelle, a consultant for Eaglewood Properties, said plans were altered three times to accommodate Coachman's Ridge developers, Pulte Homes. He said representatives were present throughout the public hearing and their concerns were addressed as plans were revised.

"For Pulte to challenge on grounds like that, it's frivolous. Talk about grasping at straws,"

said LaRochelle. "There was no indication that they would challenge our permit. We were very surprised when Pulte pulled the appeal and we're, frankly, upset. This came out of nowhere. They are holding up a great project."

LaRochelle said Eaglewood Properties is ready to begin construction. He said holding up the project is holding up money - about \$400,000 - the town of North Andover can expect in income-tax from the strip mall.

LaRochelle said the appeal was unexpected and is not merited. LaRochelle suggests Coachman's Ridge is looking to sell as many of the units as they can before the trees next door start coming down and the structure of the strip mall starts going up.

"I'm sure they would prefer to sell their homes without any activity on our site," he said.

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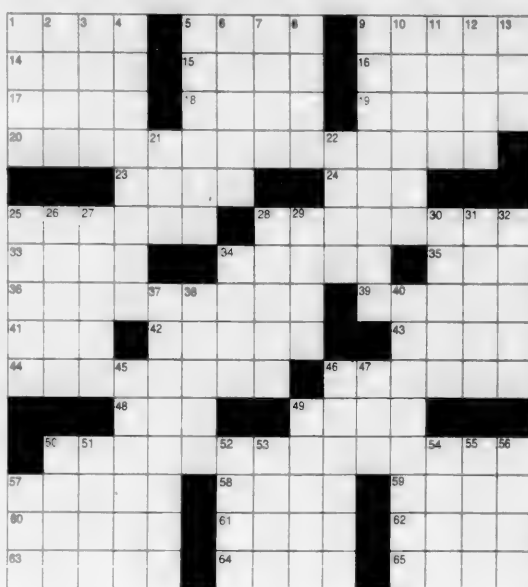
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5. Sod
9. A master of ceremonies
14. Uncommon
15. Blue dye
16. Oats
17. Two-toed sloth
18. Amiable
19. Eric ___, philosopher
20. Trash collector's mood
23. "The - of March," Wilder book
24. Volcanic mountain in Japan
25. Stationary part of a motor or generator
28. Storage areas
33. Nest
34. Source of chocolate
35. Japanese classical theater
36. Wipe out
39. Mother-in-law of Ruth, Bib.
41. Residue
42. A tiny amount
43. Survives with difficulty
44. Beads
46. Flashy
48. Obstruct
49. Italian island
50. Smokey's goal
57. A way to cook over a grill
58. Evergreen trees
59. Japanese waist pouch
60. Veranda
61. Prison or school



62. Old Irish alphabet
63. Chinese coins
64. Kansas town
65. Spanish baby

CLUES DOWN

1. Dirt
2. Hand (Spanish)

3. Sketch
4. In a way, met
5. Leather artisan
6. Ones
7. Marked by great productivity
8. Take to one's heels
9. Unrestrained expression of emotion

10. Western cricket
11. Enclose
12. Trees
13. Electronic warfare-support measures, abbr.
21. Wedding vow
22. "Abe ___, do," says Fred Flintstone
25. Cut fleece
26. Body part
27. Nurses
28. Blanchett and Bangs
29. Breezed through
30. Japanese mushroom
31. Large volumes
32. ___, kabob
34. Concern
37. Citizens of Haifa
38. Intelligent ape
40. Exposing to air
45. Name of six popes
46. Shines
47. Airborne, abbr.
49. All
50. Wife (German)
51. College in New York
52. Phillip ___, author
53. Ancient Greek City
54. U.S. playwright
55. City in Algeria
56. Alaskan town
57. Nellie ___, journalist

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Speaker. Northeast chapter of the Mass. Archeological Society. Suzanne Wall speaking on "Aboriginal Working of Green Soapstone Boulders, Essex County, Mass.," 7:30 p.m., free, Peabody Museum; 978-749-4490.

Live music. Stoneham Theatre, Beolach - traditional Scottish and Irish music. 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., \$22, 395 Main St., Stoneham; 781-279-2200.

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Minute Man National Historical Park, an ensemble group from the Air Force Band of Liberty of Hanscom Air Force Base performs in the second part of a four-part concert series, 2 p.m., free, Minute Man Visitor Center, Route 2A/the Battle Road; 978-369-6993.

Live music. Family Fun Afternoon, 3 p.m.; free, \$18, Capo's, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-5755.

The Wizard of Oz. 2 p.m., see Friday, March 19 entry.

Ballet performance. 2 p.m., see Saturday, March 20 entry.

Monday, March 22

Lecture. sixth annual Dennis McLaughlin lecture series, Stephen

D. Christman, Ph.D., professor of psychology at the University of Toledo, will present "Left-Handed, Right-Handed, Mixed-Handed: Mechanisms, Measurement, Musicians, Memory, and Modularity," 3:30 p.m., free, Stevens Auditorium, on the campus of Merrimack



Beolach

College: Julie Flynn 978-837-5190, julie.flynn@merrimack.edu.

Retreat. Parish of Saint Augustine, retreat on the Gospel of John, 7:30 p.m., free, Andover.

Classes. Music Together, free classes for early childhood, call for time and price, 360 South

Main St.; Rosemary Halloran 978-688-3326.

Tuesday, March 23

Lecture. Natural Health Services, feeling good weight loss, 7 p.m., \$10, 52 Main St.; 978-470-2727.

Lecture. Robert Oliphant, Ph.D., speaks about military records for genealogical research, 7 p.m., free, Memorial Hall Library; Norma Gammon 978-623-8401 Ext. 49.

Wednesday, March 24

Live music. Evos Arts, featuring live performance, 9 p.m., free, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-441-9906.

Live music. Folken Word Open Mic with Nini Camps, call for time and price, Capo's, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-5755.

Lecture. Natural Health Services, anti-aging and natural skin care, 7 p.m., \$10, 52 Main St.; 978-470-2727.

Thursday, March 25

Live music. Hot Day at the Zoo, 8 p.m., \$5, Capo's, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-5755.

Discussion group. Bethel Community Church, "Questions of Life," 7-9 p.m. (runs each Thursday through May 5), free, Merrimack College; 978-362-1536.

Friday, March 26

Antique show. First Parish Congregational Church, more than 30 exhibitors from all over New England, 5-9 p.m., \$5, 1 Church St., Wakefield; 781-245-1539.

Live music. Adam Dewey & Crazy Creek, 8 p.m., \$10, Capo's, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-5755.

Music. 9 p.m., \$5, see Wednesday, March 24 entry.

Mystery Theatre. 8 p.m., \$10, see Friday, March 19 entry.

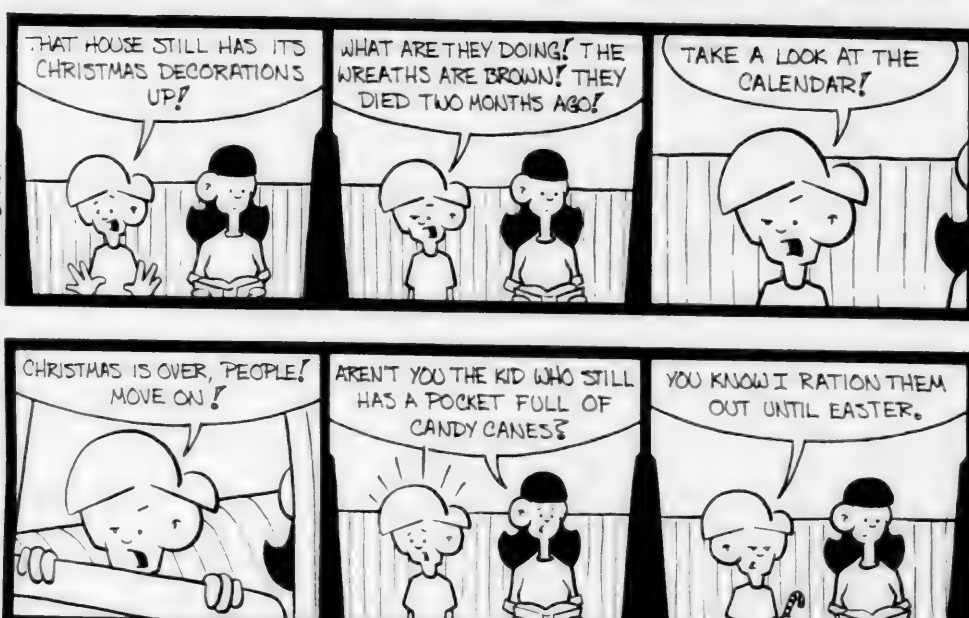
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Marker perform a concert at Merrimack College, 2 p.m., \$10, Rogers Center for the Arts; 978-837-5355.

Conservation Day. Harold Parker State Forest, presentation, stories and wood walk, 1 p.m., free, Berry Pond, North Andover; 978-686-3391.

Celtic Music. "Bone Voyage" to Bones Champ, 7:30 p.m., \$10, Knights of Columbus, 10 Brook St.; 978-297-1104.

Bean supper. Sacred Heart Parish Church, supper and Easter raffle, 4-6:30 p.m., \$5 (\$2 for children), 321 South Broadway, Lawrence; Irene Potvin 978-686-5712.

Arts Festival. sponsored in part by Andover Cultural Arts Council, Chinese spring festival with crafts and performances, 2-5 p.m., \$5, West Middle School; 978-749-4846.

Festival of Talent. Second Congregational Church of Boxford, second annual festival with various performers, 6-8 p.m., \$5, Parish Hall, Boxford; 978-352-2127.

Lawn and Garden Fair. League of Women Voters, featuring "The Garden Guys," 9:30-11:30 a.m., call for price, West Parish Church; Joyce Ringleb 978-475-3490.

Live music. April Verch, 7 p.m., \$13, Capo's, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-5755.

Antique show. 10-4, \$5, see Friday, March 26 entry.

Music. 9 p.m., \$8, see Wednesday, March 24 entry.

Mystery Theatre. 8 p.m., \$10, see Friday, March 19 entry.

Sunday, March 28

Candlelight Choir. First Religious Society, Frances Burmeister conducts program of 20th century music, 7:30 p.m., call for price, 26 Pleasant St., Newburyport; 978-465-0602.

Antiques Faire. Quota International of Andover, verbal appraisal and light brunch, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., \$35, Old Town Hall, 20 Main St.; 978-474-0953.

Day of Appreciation for Merrimack Valley Firefighters, food, fun and raffles, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., free, Andover Fitness, 5 Dundee Park; 978-475-2020.

Showstoppers. Andover Senior Center, Leslie Warshaw of WGBH-FM radio presents live recordings from 1920-2002, 2 p.m., \$3, Andover Senior Center.

Mystery Theatre. 2 p.m., \$10, see Friday, March 19 entry.

Ongoing

Art Exhibitions

Addison Gallery of American Art. Richard Serra Prints: A Survey,

through March 29; *Tracing the Sublime*, encompassing a variety of media and artistic movements, through March 21; *Physical Presence: Photographs from the Collection*, providing a thematic survey culled from the museum's extensive photography collection, through March 21; gallery hours Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 1-5 p.m., Addison Gallery of American Art, Phillips Academy; 978-749-4015 www.addisongallery.org.

Alpers Fine Art of Andover. gallery hours: Wednesday and Thursdays 11 a.m.-8 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-10 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 2 Main St.; 978-470-0013.

Andover Historical Society. Recent Works by Andover High School Art Students, a selection of works, on display in the Reception Gallery through March, tour the Amos Blanchard House and Barn Museum for a glimpse into life in the early 19th century, Tuesday through Friday 1-4 p.m., \$5 admission, students \$3, 97 Main St.; 978-475-2236, www.andhist.org.

Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology. Objects and their Meanings: Historical Highlights of the Peabody, displays ethnographic objects from the museum's collections of North and South America and a series of photographs that illustrate the activities of the museum's key people during the last century; Tuesday through Saturday, noon-5 p.m., by appointment only, free admission, Phillips Academy campus, 175 Main St.; 978-749-4490.

Essex Art Center. Beland Gallery installation by Liz Sweibel, through April 9 in the Elizabeth A. Beland Gallery; Ri Anderson & Gary Duehr - Color Photography; in the Main Gallery: Fanned & Feathered, a celebration in honor of Women's History Month; five artists explore their interest in birds and sea creatures through painting, video, installation, and mixed media; Liz Awalt, Gail Boyajian, Laurel Hughes, Tamara Krendel and Linda Price-Sneddon present images ranging from the lowly pigeon and hen, to the canary and starfish; Tuesday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Friday

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"Changing Women/Changing Lives" features (from left) Jane Cairns as Elizabeth Jenkins Blanchard; Anthea Smith as Sally Dalton Locke; Susan Lenoe as Hannah Trow Flagg; and Penny Kohut, as Sarah Abbot Swift.

Burning issues of the day

Changing Women/Changing Lives plays Sunday

IT'S A BUSY DAY in mid-19th century Andover. Elizabeth Blanchard is hosting a group of community activists in her Main Street home to discuss serious issues facing not only their town but the nation as a whole. As the women are gathered in the Best Parlor, Phillips Academy students who board with the Blanchard family are upstairs on their midday break, relaxing or catching up on homework. The hum and buzz of family, student, and community life continues through the afternoon.

These scenes from the original play *Changing Women/Changing Lives* might take place in any home in Andover today, a town with a long history of community activism and dedication. Key roles will be performed by Jane Cairns, Susan Lenoe, Julie Mofford, and Anthea Smith. *Changing Women/Changing Lives* is set in Andover in 1832 at the home of Deacon Amos and Elizabeth Blanchard, and the issues the women will be addressing were hot social reform issues of their day: temperance and anti-slavery.

The play will be staged in the family parlor and boarders' chamber of the Amos Blanchard House Museum. *Changing Women/Changing Lives* uses the lives of Elizabeth Blanchard, Sally Locke, Hannah Flagg and Sarah Abbot, along with several students who boarded here, to explore this

pivotal time period in American history. Although few women dreamed of voting in the decades following the Revolutionary War, women took interest and became increasingly active in movements for social and political change. Juliet Mofford, director of education and research, wrote the scripts from letters, diaries, and documents of the period and student letters found in the society's collections and Phillips Academy's archives.

Also included in this afternoon program is a special guided tour of the temporary exhibition, *Lucy's Acres: A Place in Time*, by Curator Barbara Brown. This collaborative exhibit with the Peabody Museum of Archaeology, focuses on the interwoven lives of three women: Adelaide Bullen, a 20th-century archaeologist; Hannah Foster, an early 19th-century widow; and Lucy Foster, a former slave who received her own acre of land in Ballardvale through Hannah's will.

Changing Women/Changing Lives will be performed Sunday, March 21 at 2 p.m. at the Andover Historical Society, Amos Blanchard House Museum, 97 Main St. Admission is \$10. Members save \$5 on admission. Memberships are available for as little as \$25 for an individual.

For more information about *Changing Women/Changing Lives*, call 978-475-2236 or visit the Web site at www.andhist.org.

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New England Civic Ballet, based in Lawrence, presents Prokofiev's *Cinderella*, at Merrimack College's Rogers Center for the Performing Arts on Saturday, March 20 at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, March 21 at 2 p.m. For tickets, contact NECB at 978-975-0289. Performing dancers from Andover are Shayna Baglio (left) and Natalia Moldari.

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10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 56 Island St., Lawrence; 978-685-2343.

Robert Lehman Art Center at Brooks School, *Nostalgic Journey*. American illustrations from the collection of the Delaware Art Museum; gallery hours Tuesday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-noon, Sunday, 2:30-5 p.m., 1160 Great Pond Road, North Andover; 978-725-6232.

Arthur Griffin Center for Photographic Art, Main Gallery: rare photographs from the Civil War, includes eight new images; through June 25, Tuesday-Sunday, noon to 4 p.m., \$5 admission, Thursday admission is free all day, 67 Shore Road, Winchester; 781-729-1158, www.griffinmuseum.org.

Whistler House Museum of Art, Wednesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., \$4, 243 Worthen St., Lowell; 978-452-7641.

Memorial Hall Library. Artist of the Month for March is Crist Filer, who works mainly in watercolor and pencil. Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Sunday, noon-5 p.m.; 978-623-8400, www.mhl.org.

McCoy Gallery, Merrimack College, hours Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., free admission; 978-837-5000, Ext. 4205.

Sakowich Campus Center, at Merrimack College, the Fireside and First floor lounges, call for hours; 978-837-5000, Ext. 4205.

McQuade Gallery, gallery hours Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m.-11 p.m., Friday, 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Sunday, 11 a.m.-11 p.m.; 978-837-5000, Ext. 4205.

Senior Center artists, talented artists participate in art classes and enjoy the "drop-in group" on Wednesday and Thursday mornings, art display of oils, watercolors, pencil, pen and ink, pastels and oriental brush art is in the Music Room; Andover Senior Center, Whittier Court; 978-623-8321.

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Mia Guerrero (at right), the owner of Lorica Artworks gallery at One Elm Square, at the reception opening of her art exhibit "Local Color," featuring artists from Ireland and elsewhere in honor of Irish Heritage Month. With Guerrero is Peter Smyth, from Belfast, Northern Ireland, and Alix Porras, one of the artists featured in the show. Smyth is the joint secretary of the Cross Border Ministerial Council, set up under the Good Friday Peace Accord in Northern Ireland. The show opened last Friday, March 12 and runs until June 12.

Endicott College, 376 Hale St. (Route 127) Beverly; 978-232-2250.

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Flint Memorial Library, 147 Park St., North Reading; 978-664-4942, www.flintmemoriallibrary.org.

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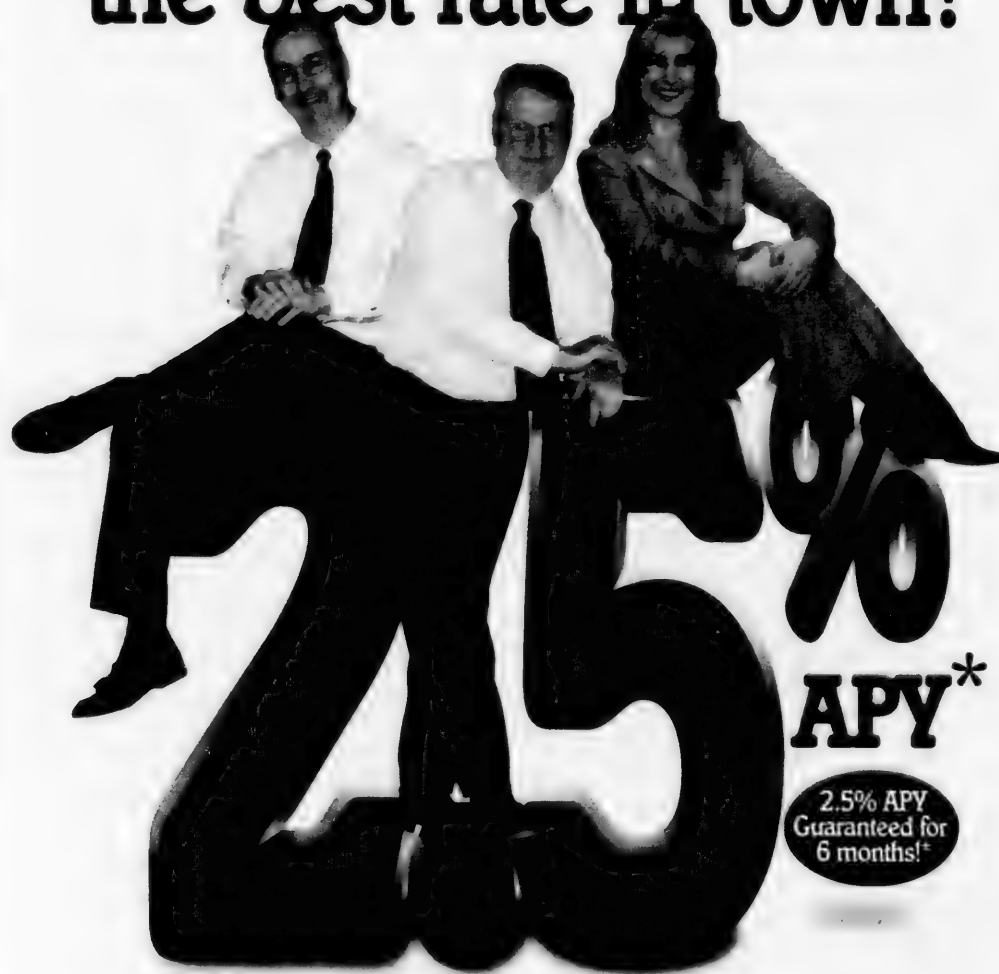
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Sports

Minnechaug, 40-39



Ashley McLaughlin (No. 13), Matia Kostakis (No. 12), and Kerri O'Dea (No. 33) watch the Falcons celebrate their win on the parquet floor of the FleetCenter on Sunday after the final buzzer.

Same matchup, tough loss

This time, it's Minnechaug's turn to celebrate as champs

By Rick Harrison
Class and dignity

IF THERE WERE ANY TEARS on the Lady Warriors' side after the game, they were shed in private.

True to their nature, the locals lost with class and dignity.

They did not hide out after the game, answering questions freely and honestly while perhaps quelling the temptation to passionately stick a fist through the nearest wall.

"I feel bad for my kids," said AHS head coach Jim Tildsley. "As usual they played their hearts out. We never had to worry about that with this group."

"It's toughest on the seven seniors — but everyone in the locker room is hurting right now."

"The defensive intensity was there on both sides. You don't have to look beyond the final score to see that."

"Neither team shot very well — which goes right back to the defense. Both teams forced some shots, took shots from places on the floor they didn't want to, and we couldn't put the ball in at the end."

It was another game where the biggest lead by either team was six points.

Andover never led in the first half, falling

behind 5-0 at the outset, and didn't go ahead until there were nine minutes left in the game when an Ashley McLaughlin free throw snapped a 26-26 tie.

A three-point swish from the left side by Powers put the Lady Warriors on top, 34-30, and set off the pivotal 10-5 closing run by Minnechaug.

Megan Clark scored on a drive for the Falcons, back-to-back layups by Mikara Cimmino put Minnechaug back in front, 36-34, and Laura Menty converted two free throws with 2:50 remaining to put Andover in a four-point hole, 38-34.

But Ashley McLaughlin countered with a layup, and a huge three-pointer with 1:44 left, to make it 39-38 and seemingly set the stage for another AHS dream finish.

Seventeen seconds later Siena-bound Menty netted what proved to be the tying and winning foul shots.

A series of turnovers, missed shots and non-calls punctuated the final 87 seconds of the game as Minnechaug hung on for the victory.

After Powers drove the lane and did not draw the foul, the ball found its way out to McLaughlin on the right elbow for a high-arching beat-the-clock shot that hit the rim.

After a scramble underneath, the ball went out of bounds and was awarded to the Falcons with less than one second left (0.8).

After a timeout Minnechaug was able to in-bound the ball with a bounce pass, Powers knocking it off the court as the final buzzer sounded.

"Games like this — at this level — are very tough emotionally on high school kids," said Tildsley. "Only one team in each division wins its last game."

"It will take time for our kids to move past this loss. But of course they will."

Whistles key

Realizing anything said about the officiating could be construed as sour grapes, Tildsley tried to skirt an unskirtable issue.

"The game turned on the whistles," he eventually conceded. "There was a no-call off the ball with 40 seconds left — and on that last drive by Powers ..."

Tildsley shook his head.

"They made a call on a similar play down one the other end a minute earlier and Menty goes to the line for two shots. When they didn't send Jackie to the line I was flabbergasted."

Powers was perfect at the stripe in the game, going 4-for-4 with all four shots hitting nothing but net.

"Give Minnechaug credit. There were no surprises on either side," said Tildsley. "We knew they played an active zone and they knew we would go man-to-man most of the way. Our press got us back into the game and both teams forced a lot of turnovers."

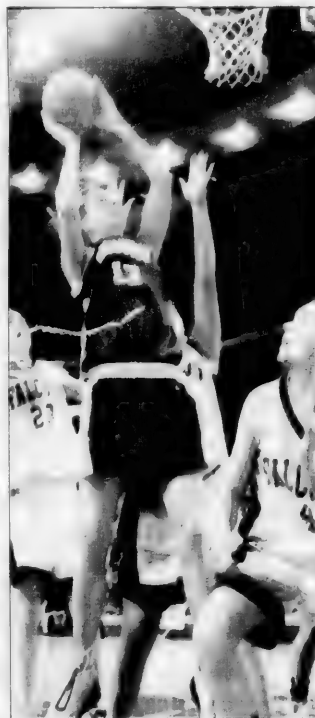
Andover shot just 5-for-21 from the floor in the first half (.24 percent), while Minnechaug wasn't much better with 8-for-25 (32 percent) as the Falcons struggled to a 20-14 lead at the break.

"We were happy to be down only six at the half," said Tildsley. "We were very much in the game."

"We told our kids to keep hitting the boards and the shots would start to fall."

Scoring

Ashley McLaughlin finished with 12



Ashley McLaughlin soared higher than the Falcons to score two of her 12 points, but the Lady Warriors lost the championship game by a single point, 40-39.

points, Jackie Powers added 11, Matia Kostakis eight, Liz Pallotta five, Meagan Merinder two and Maggie Cosgrove notched a free throw.

Menty was game-high with 18 points and Cimmino, a Sacred Heart recruit, added 13 to account for 31 of Minnechaug's 40.

Junior forward Kathleen McCloskey scored only one basket for the Falcons, but it was a monumental three-pointer from the left corner as the buzzer sounded ending the first half.

Andover shot 13-for-50 from the floor (26 percent), including 4-for-19 from behind the arc. The locals were also 9-for-14 at the free throw line.

Minnechaug went 15-for-41 from the floor (37 percent), 2-for-10 from treyland and 8-for-15 at the stripe.

BOX SCORE

MINNECHAUG REG. 40, ANDOVER 39
State Division 1, Championship Game
at FleetCenter, Boston

Andover — Jackie Powers 3-4-11, Maggie Cosgrove 0-1-1, Matia Kostakis 3-2-8, Ashley McLaughlin 4-1-12, Emily Pallotta 0-0-0, Meagan Merinder 1-0-2, Liz Pallotta 2-1-5, Brittany Moriarty 0-0-0. Totals: 13-9-39.

Minnechaug Regional — Sara Wilson 0-0-0, Bria Bellfeuille 0-1-1, Kathleen McCloskey 1-0-3, Laura Tabb 1-0-3, Laura Menty 6-6-18, Jaime Campbell 0-0-0, Mikara Cimmino 6-1-13, Megan Clark 1-0-2, Erin Steffen 0-0-0. Totals: 15-8-40.

Halftime: Minnechaug, 20-14. 3-pointers: A. McLaughlin 3, Powers 1; M.R. McCloskey 1, Tabb 1. Final Records: Andover 20-6, Minnechaug Regional 24-1.



Three towers of strength — Matia Kostakis, Ashley McLaughlin and Meagan Merinder, three of the team's seven seniors, enter the Dunn Gym on Sunday night after a heartbreaking 40-39 loss to archrival loss to Minnechaug Regional in the Division 1 state championship game at the FleetCenter in Boston.

POST-GAME APPRECIATION RALLY

Still heroines

By Rick Harrison

ABOUT 200 PEOPLE MADE THEIR WAY to the Dunn Gym after Sunday night's heartbreaking 40-39 loss to Minnechaug Regional in the Division 1 state championship game, solely to express their appreciation and admiration for the Andover High girls varsity basketball team.

The ceremonies were shorter and more subdued than last year, when Andover beat Minnechaug by a point to earn its first-ever state title.

But there was still much to celebrate as the Lady Warriors are 2004 Merrimack Valley Conference Division 1, North Sectional and Eastern Mass. champions for the second straight year.

The gym walls were decorated with signs, individual ones for each player on the right side and a big banner reading "Thanks For The Memories" on the left.

Posters of enlarged newspaper articles, pictures and headlines were on the wall near the entrance, alongside several team pictures.

Many people in the stands wore the team's "Catch Fleet Fever — You Gotta Believe" T-shirts.

Upon the team's arrival, the gym went dark and a spotlight shone on the entrance where the players strode through hanging blue and gold paper streamers and down a foggy (smoke-machine) path marked on either side by blue and gold balloons.

The players entered by twos and threes, with arms inter-locked, and crossed the floor to sit down in chairs as music from such diverse pop and rock artists as new 'tween queen Hilary Duff ("Come Clean") and head-bangers AC/DC ("For Those About To Rock") blared from the portable console in the gym.

Ted Teichert announced the team as Eastern Mass. State champs, which turned the fans rhythmic clapping into a loud ovation.

It was tough to smile but most of the players did.

One by one each girl was introduced and brought to the center of the gym for brief words of thanks and encouragement from school official Dave Nichols.

Junior Jackie Powers was cited for her athletic prowess and ferocious competitiveness ... Maggie Cosgrove for her poise as a freshman ... Kelly O'Dea for her infectious smile ... Kerrie O'Dea as the unofficial "mother" of the group ... Emily Pallotta for her take-charge aggressive play as a sophomore ... Liz Pallotta for her amazing abilities underneath despite her stature (5'7") ... Meagan Merinder for her tenacity and constant improvement as "sixth man" ... Arianna Miliotis for the inspiration she and twin sister Alex provided ... Colleen Haugh, Brittany Moriarty, Jessie Koffman and Jessie Shields for their contributions.

"Alex is always with us," said Nichols, pointing to her photo on the wall.

"You have forged friendships here that will last forever," the players were told.

Standing 'O'

Two of the Lady Warriors seven seniors, Matia Kostakis and Ashley McLaughlin who also started on last year's state title team, were saved for last.

The applause for Kostakis and her efforts, despite injuries, was lengthy and heartfelt.

McLaughlin received a standing ovation from teammates, coaches and fans alike as she was cited for her obvious talents and unselfishness both on

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Lady Warriors Rule! — Despite the one-point loss in the finals, townspeople were still very proud of what the Lady Warriors accomplished this season, and they let the team know it by gathering to welcome, applaud and console the players.

FINAL MINUTES

Here's how the agonizing final two minutes of the Andover-Minnechaug state final girls basketball game went:

2:01 left: Ashley McLaughlin hits layup to cut Minnechaug lead to 38-36.

1:44 left: McLaughlin buries three-pointer from right side to give Andover 39-38 lead.

1:27 left: Laura Menty hits two free throws for final points of game and 40-39 Minnechaug lead.

1:18 left: Andover called for offensive foul under the basket in rebound action. Menty goes to the foul line and misses shot.

47.9 seconds left: Andover driving layup rolls off rim and putback attempt misses.

37.4 left: Jackie Powers forces turnover. Steals ball but pass-off on drive goes astray.

35.4 left: Andover foul sends Mikara Cimmino to line for two shots. She misses both.

25.7 left: Laura Tabb steals ball for Minnechaug and misses layup.

8.3 left: Jackie Powers drives to hoop for Andover. Appears to be hit twice but no foul is called on shot.

2.2 left: Scramble for loose ball kicks out to McLaughlin whose shot from outside rims out.

0.8 left: Ball goes out of bounds off Andover. Timeout called. Tabb takes ball out under Minnechaug basket. Bounce pass intended for Bria Bellfeuille is deflected out of bounds by Powers as time runs out.

Final Score: Minnechaug 40
Andover 39

— Rick Harrison

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME NOTEBOOK

By Rick Harrison

BOSTON — In addition to Ashley McLaughlin and Matia Kostakis, Andover will also graduate Liz Pallotta, Meagan Merinder, Kerri O'Dea, Colleen Haugh and Arianna Miliotis.

"I've coached Ashley since she was in the fifth grade," said Jim Tildsley. "It's really tough to say goodbye to someone who's been with you that long."

"Ashley is a tremendous player and terrific person. She just wants to win. She doesn't care much about personal accomplishments. It's more about team."

"She's devastated now," added Tildsley after the game. "But she'll get over it."

McLaughlin, who will play for Holy Cross after graduation, finishes as the third highest scorer in AHS girls basketball history.

A-Mac had 368 points this season and 1,150 for her career. Only Charlotte Muller (1,600 points) and Jenny Muller (1,498) scored more.

"Hopefully we'll keep replacing the kids we lose each year with ones of near or equal talent," said Tildsley. "We expect to keep the program at a high level. We have an excellent feeder system in place. There were a lot of young girls at our games that I think want to be a part of this tradition."

The majority of the Andover players also excel at one or more other varsity sports, with volleyball and softball the most popular among the group.

"Most of our players are multi-sport athletes and that's the way we like it," said coach Tildsley.

Jackie Powers, who did not play her freshman season, finished with 313 points this year and has 439 for her career with one year left.

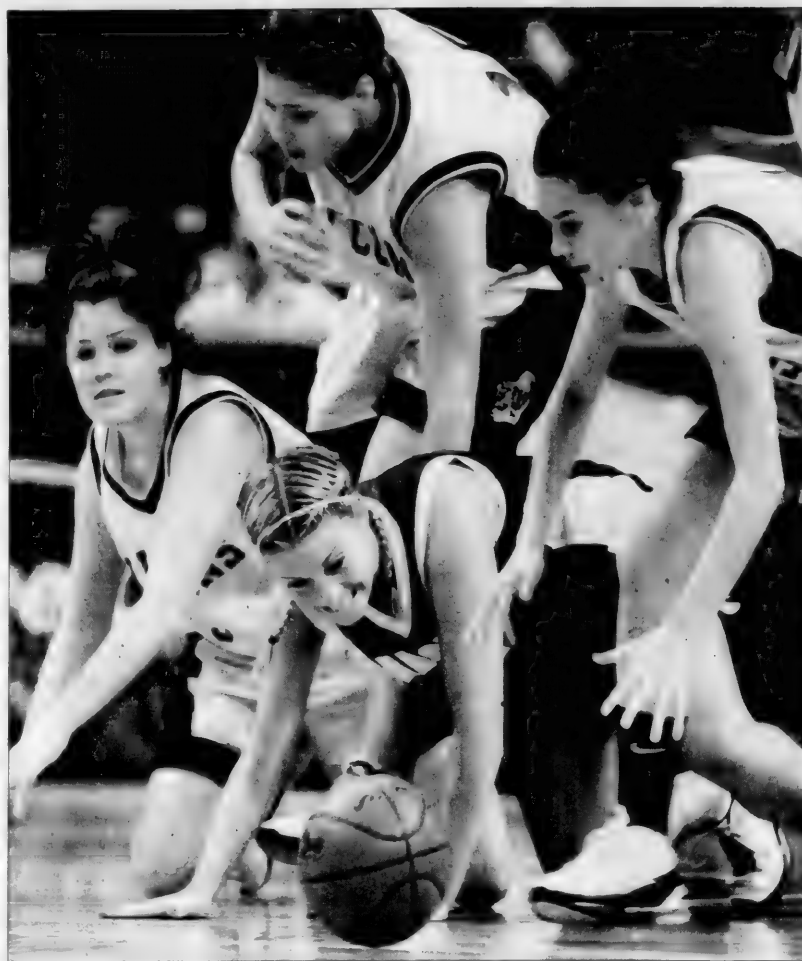
Matia Kostakis netted 171 points this year and graduates with 355 for her three-year career.

Lady Warrior fans have become accustomed to seeing Kostakis' left leg encased in a black brace running from mid-thigh to mid-shin.

It was a constant reminder of what a true Warrior Kostakis is on the court.

The crowd for the Andover-Minnechaug game, which may have included the curious from the preceding Walpole-Groton Dunstable boys game and the Brookline-Springfield Commerce boys game that followed, was estimated at 6,000.

Andover had 25 cheerleaders rooting the Lady Warriors on at the Fleet.



Swarmed by Minnechaug players, Jackie Powers scrambles for a loose ball during the first half.

The AHS squad, which placed third in its division at state competition last weekend, lined up in gauntlet-like fashion before the game.

Each Andover player ran down the line after being introduced and running to half-court for the now-traditional handshake with the opposing coach (Minnechaug's David Yelle).

The Andover girls locked arms in a show of unity during the national anthem, and also knelt down on the parquet floor and formed a tight circle while Minnechaug players were being introduced.

Several AHS players said things to psyche the team up, or to loosen them up with a laugh, before everyone slapped the hardwood in unison and gave a spirit yell.

Call it tough love.

Three minutes into the game Andover lost possession of the ball when a moment of hesitation allowed it to roll out of bounds as sisters Liz and Emily Pallotta chased after it.

"Get out of the way or get the ball," Liz barked as only older sisters can to their younger sibling.

Emily gave a quick nod and the pair appeared in sync the rest of the night.

"I don't know if you can call Andover-Minnechaug a rivalry yet," said Tildsley. "But for an Eastern to play a Western Mass. team three times in a (calendar) year, and four times in the last seven years, is almost unheard of."

"We have a lot of respect for one

another and we're obviously very well matched."

Most Andover players wear no socks or low socks that are not visible above the sneaker. Both referees in the state final game were women. Andover was the only team to have a musical combo on hand. The group played the AHS fight song several times during the game, which drew some interesting glances from Minnechaug fans. Eagle mascot Felicia Thompson also patrolled the sideline in full regalia. Andover was definitely the more athletic of the two teams on the floor in the state final.

Andover finishes the season 20-6 overall, while Minnechaug went 24-1 and is 47-3 over the past two years.

"We were not going to let another one slip away," said Minnechaug coach David Yelle. "I think I would have headed across the street (to a bar) if Andover had beaten us again the same way as last year."

Yelle noted that Andover and Minnechaug have similar expectations each season.

"We've won our sectional title six of the last eight years. Our players, like Andover's, come in facing a lot of pressure right from the start. We're the biggest game on everyone's schedule."

"We have 11 kids and play six or seven in most key games," said Yelle. "I'm pretty sure Andover does the same thing."

"The other five or six kids on the bench would start for most other teams. It takes a certain type of individual to accept that and wait for their chance to step into the spotlight."

Yelle lauded the Andover defense and credited it for the low score.

"Outstanding defenders force



PHOTO BY PHIL CAPODILUPPO

The Andover High girls and boys basketball teams recently played back-to-back Division 1 North Tournament semifinal round games at Salem High, the girls beating Central Catholic and the boys losing to Acton-Boxboro. Three members of the AHS girls junior varsity team (from left), sophomores Kara Busta, Sarah Kelleher and Kerry Haugh, were among those cheering on the Warriors.

you to do things differently. Their press bothered us a lot. We have a pressbreaker but forgot to use it several times because they had us flustered."

Yelle said he tried to get his players not to focus on last year's devastating last-second loss to Andover.

"We told them 'this year is your moment. Live in it.'"

In regards to the grueling final few seconds, Yelle said:

"(Ashley) McLaughlin really

scared me. She obviously was tired towards the end but still had enough left in her legs to hit that three-point shot to put them ahead (39-38). And the shot caught nothing but net."

"We knew they would get at least one shot in the final seconds. I just told our kids 'let's get the rebound and get outta here!'"

Minnechaug standout Laura Menty said prior to playing in this game she "had only seen the Fleet-Center on TV."

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ANDOVER SCORING

GIRLS BASKETBALL
(26 games)

	FG	FT	Pts.
Ashley McLaughlin	136	59	368
Jackie Powers	107	56	313
Matia Kostakis	71	29	171
Liz Pallotta	58	38	154
Emily Pallotta	51	12	116
Meagan Merinder	40	26	106
Maggie Cosgrove	26	17	80
Brittany Moriarty	20	1	47
Kerrie O'Dea	14	7	39
Jessie Koffman	15	4	34
Colleen Haugh	11	2	24
Arianna Miliotis	4	2	10
Kelly O'Dea	4	1	9
Jessie Shields	1	2	4

3-pointers: Jackie Powers 43; Ashley McLaughlin 37; Maggie Cosgrove 11; Brittany Moriarty 6; Kerrie O'Dea 5; Emily Pallotta 2.

BOYS BASKETBALL
(24 games)

	FG	FT	Pts.
x-Chris Vetrano	173	118	559
Jack Barrett	161	90	446
Casey Cosgrove	78	17	233
Bobby Hughes	85	18	188
Greg Vetrano	42	29	118
Jon DeLeo	42	18	106
Phil Perkins	17	4	38
Steve Games	12	5	29
Steve Renfro	5	13	23
Matt Renfro	6	0	12
Manny Venuti	3	2	9

x = All-time leading scorer in AHS hoop history; First player with 2,000 career points

3-pointers: Chris Vetrano 95; Casey Cosgrove 60; Jack Barrett 34; Greg Vetrano 5; Jon DeLeo 4; Manny Venuti 1.

Still heroines

■ POST-GAME APPRECIATION RALLY

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and on the court.

McLaughlin returned to her seat. Kostakis got up and walked out to embrace her friend in their last "official act" as Andover High basketballers.

Assistant coaches Sue Rogers and Dick Muller were introduced, and head coach Jim Tildsley was accorded the event's second standing ovation when he stood up.

Tildsley spoke briefly and with emotion about the bond the players, coaches and fans have formed over the past few years.

He paid glowing praise for the work ethic, commitment, talent, brains and community involvement and awareness of the "special group of players."

He also thanked the fans for their support at various tournament sites throughout Eastern Mass., including the Fleet Center, and applauded them for bolstering the players' spirits by coming to the rally.

The AHS cheerleaders were also acknowledged for being at the Fleet, and for finishing third in their recent statewide competition.

Players then tossed miniature basketballs to kids in the stands, and the rally ended with players, fans and friends gathering on the floor to reflect on the past two seasons.



PHOTO BY JIM GALEY

Lady Warriors head coach Jim Tildsley watches his team play another well-matched championship game against archrival Minnechaug at the Fleet Center on Sunday. Like last year, this game was also decided by a single point, but not in the Warriors' favor.

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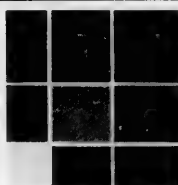
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SPORTS TALK

By Rick Harrison

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Steve Seero, Meghan Pinksten and Vin Montalbano, all of Andover were named to the 2003 fall semester student/athlete honor roll at Assumption College.

Freshman Seero (men's lacrosse) and sophomore Pinksten (women's basketball) both posted grade-point averages of 3.0 or higher, while senior Montalbano (men's ice hockey) was awarded a Director's Citation for having a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

All three are former Andover High standouts in the same sports.

Krit Kearins of Andover, the top diver on the Plymouth State University women's swim team, was up to her old tricks as she recently completed an outstanding collegiate career with the Lady Panthers.

Kearins won the one-meter diving competition at the annual New England Women's Swimming and Diving Championships held recently at Bentley College.

The two-time New England champ (2003, 2004) also posted a personal-best score of 353.05 for third place in the three-meter diving.

At the same meet Kearins was

presented with the two major diving awards up for grabs, being selected Diver of the Meet and Senior Diver of the Year.

In competition earlier this season against Bentley at the PSU Natatorium, former Andover High standout Kearins won both the one- and three-meter diving events and broke her own school record on the low board with a score of 236.35 points. The Panthers' senior also posted a score of 238.85 on the high board.

For those efforts Kearins was selected ECAC Women's Division 3 Diver of the Week.

Defending New England one-meter champ Kearins, undefeated through eight events this winter, posted scores in the 6's and 7's on her back one-and-a-half somersaults in the pike position on the low board. She also scored 6's on her reverse double somersault tuck.

On the high board, Kearins recorded 7 or better on three dives, a forward dive in the straight position, a back one-and-a-half straight and a forward two-and-a-half tuck.

Kearins also placed first in the one-meter diving in meets against Bridgewater State, Keene State and St. Joseph's (Conn.).

Kerry Nugent of Andover, a top member of the Brown University women's ice hockey team, was recently named ECAC Division 1 Player of the Week and USCHO.com Offensive Player of the Week.

Nugent, a junior forward for the Bears, was instrumental in a 3-1 win and 3-3 tie with Niagara University.

With three goals and one assist in the two games she led all scorers in the non-league series.

She netted two goals in the 3-3 tie and added a goal and assist in the 3-1 victory the following day.

After the Niagara set, Nugent had five goals and five assists overall with nine of her 10 points com-

ing during a seven-game stretch in which Brown went 5-1-1. Her five goals ranked 21st in the ECAC.

Tom Cahill and Tim Hughes of Andover were recently among those honored at the annual fall athletic awards assembly at Middlesex School in Concord.

Both were standouts on the football field, Hughes earning first-team All-League laurels while Cahill was named All-League honorable mention.

The two juniors helped the Middlesex varsity gridders to a perfect 8-0 record, and a share of the Independent School League title with Governor Dummer Academy in Byfield.

The team is only the seventh in Middlesex's 102-year history to finish the regular season undefeated.

Hughes and Cahill have also been elected co-captains of the 2004 Middlesex varsity squad.

Janelle LaRose of Andover, a graduate of Central Catholic, was a freshman midfielder on the Westfield State College women's soccer team last fall.

LaRose played in eight games for the Lady Owls who finished with a 7-6-3 record.

Diana Harlow of Andover placed fourth in the 100 breaststroke (1:16.60), helping the YMCA of the North Shore Sharks swim and dive team to the overall team title at the recent Eastern Massachusetts YMCA District Championships at Medford High.

Courtney Hamer of Andover also competed and finished 19th in the 200 free (2:14.56) as the Sharks topped a field of more than 30 YMCA teams.

Next up for the Sharks are the New England YMCA Championships at Brown University March 27-29, and the YMCA Short Course Nationals April 5-8 at the International Swimming Hall of

Fame Pool in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

Mariah Baron of Andover was a sophomore member of the Roger Williams University co-ed sailing team last fall.

Baron was crew in double-handed events, finishing top 10 at the Schell Trophy and fourth at the Atlantic Coast Dinghy Tournament.

Ajay Sisodia of Andover, a sophomore captain on the Wheaton College men's indoor track and field team, recently competed in the 35th annual Dartmouth Relays and placed 11th in the 400 meter dash.

He also had a fifth place in the 200 meters (22.80 seconds) at the Greater Boston Track Club Invitational at Harvard University's Gordon Cage.

At the Tufts University Invitational, Sisodia won the 55-meter dash in 6.59 seconds and ran a leg on the 4x200 sprint relay that placed second to UMass Amherst in 1:32.19.

Sisodia, a New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference honoree in the spring of 2003, is also on the Wheaton outdoor track squad. He competes in the 400 meters and 4x400 meter relay.

Phillips Academy graduate **Margaret Ramsey**, a first-year member of the Amherst College women's swim and dive team, was recently named the NCAA Women's Division 3 College Swimmer of the Week.

Ramsey won two individual events and swam a leg for a victorious relay in a 158-141 victory over archrival Williams College.

The win secured the Little Three Championship for the undefeated Jeffs (7-0) and snapped a streak of 103 consecutive losses to Williams.

Ramsey swam a school-record 1:55.61 in the 200 free. She also claimed the 500 free in 5:13.11 and swam on the 400 free relay which posted a pool-record time of 3:36.98.

At the New England Small College Athletic Conference Championship Meet, hosted by Wesleyan University, Ramsey helped the 400 free relay to third place, the 200 free relay to fourth place and the 800 free relay to eighth place.

Following the meet Ramsey was named to the All-NESCAC Team.

She has qualified provisionally for the NCAA Championship Meet, March 11-13 in St. Louis, and is waiting word of final qualification.

Carolyn Berberian of Andover, a freshman member of the Bentley College women's indoor track and field team, recently ran a leg on the Falcons' distance medley relay at the Northeast-10 Conference Track and Field Championships at Southern Connecticut State University.

Tom Haugh of Andover, a graduate of St. John's Prep in Danvers, is a freshman first baseman vying for a spot on the 2004 Bentley College baseball team this spring.



Krit Kearins



Jenny Muller

Muller sparking offense this season for Tufts

By Rick Harrison

Freshman guard Jenny Muller of Andover has put together an outstanding season for the Tufts University women's basketball team, with her performance considered a main reason for the Jumbos' improvement over last year.

Muller, who scored 1,498 points and was instrumental in the 2002-03 Andover High hoop team's drive to a first-ever State Division 1 title, has provided a spark off the bench for Tufts.

The Medford college entered this week with a 15-5 overall record, including 5-2 in the New England Small College Athletic Conference, as it prepares for upcoming tournament action.

Averaging almost 16 minutes on the floor, Muller has taken advantage of that playing time by scoring 6.7 points per game.

She is fifth on the team in scoring, third in field goal percentage (.455), second in free throw shooting (.789) and tops in three-point percentage (.400 on 16-for-40).

Carrying over from her AHS days is her ability to perform in the clutch, as Muller has made several dramatic baskets late in games.

She is also active and effective at the defensive end with her excellent reflexes and tireless hustle.

Muller has contributed a few breakout performances since returning from semester break, the first coming on Jan. 22 when she dropped 18 points on Keene State College in 18 minutes of play.

She hit 7-of-8 shots from the field including 4-of-5 from behind the three-point arc as the Jumbos won, 64-47.

The second highest scorer in

AHS girls hoop history, behind older sister Charlotte, Muller went on to score 15 important points on Feb. 3 at Salve Regina to help Tufts halt the host team's long winning streak on their home court.

Muller again converted on almost all of her shots in a 65-46 romp over Colby on Feb. 7, scoring 10 points on 4-for-5 shooting including 2-of-2 from treyland.

The Jumbos closed out the regular season with games at conference rivals Middlebury and Williams, entering those games in a four-way tie for second place in the NESCAC.

Three of the four teams, along with first-place Bowdoin, which is ranked No. 1 in the nation, will get home playoff games.

Muller, a three-time All-Conference and MVP of the MVC while at Andover High, is also a midfielder for the women's soccer team at Tufts.



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LOCAL ATHLETES

Perkins tapped for 2004 Shriners Football Classic

By Rick Harrison

Andover High two-way football lineman Phil Perkins has chalked up another honor, being selected to play in the 2004 Shriners Football Classic.

Previously Perkins had been named to the Merrimack Valley All-Conference team and to the 26-player All-State Team.

The 26th annual Shriners Game is scheduled for Friday, June 18 at Bentley College in Waltham. (7 p.m.).

Proceeds from the game benefit Shriners Hospitals for Children across the country (specializing in the treatment of burn victims).

Orientation for players was March 13 at Westford Academy. Practice sessions are June 7-17 and the Shriners Banquet is June 16 at Lantana's Restaurant in Randolph.

Perkins was also at Lantana's earlier this month for the All-State Team Banquet.

He was a member of the AHS boys varsity basketball team which won the Merrimack Valley Conference Division 1 title and recently completed a 21-3 season.

YOUTH HOCKEY

PeeWee 2, Squirt 1 teams excel on ice

As the eight-month youth hockey season in Andover begins to wind down, several teams have excelled in various tournaments while facing off against teams from around the state.

"The kids played their hearts out," PeeWee 2 coach Brian Flannery said of his team's terrific showing in a Boston-based tournament earlier

this month. His team, made up of 11- and 12-year-olds, was among 16 teams taking part.

The Andover squad made it to the state championship game against Winchester, but lost.

Another team, Squirt 1, also made it to their state championship this month.

The team, made up of 9- and 10-year-olds,

came up short in the semifinal game on Cape Cod against Reading. This tournament came several weeks after Squirt 1's stellar performance in the Deep Freeze Tournament in Waterville, N.H., where they came in first, according to head coach Joe Beaulac.

—Judy Wakefield



The PeeWee 2's include (back row, from left): Coach Bob Colombo, Tommy Shannon, Paige Murray, Peter Andon, John Fiorentino, Alden French, Marina Moschitto, Derek Monson, coach Chip Rogers, Nick Nawrocki and coach Brian Flannery. Front row: Danny Colombo, Weston Rogers, Conor Flanagan, John Hennessy, Tom Flannery, Patrick Renzi. Lying in front is goalie Kyle Berthiaume.



The Squirt 1's include goalie John Gaffney (holding the Deep Freeze trophy), Liam Centrella and Brian Hanafin. Middle row, from left, Luke Walker, Ty McGarry, Nick Beulac, Peter Nossif, Paul Russell, Alex King, Kyle Wakefield, C.J. Boilard and Johnny Daniels. In back are Tim Angell and Alex Linneman along with coaches Joe "Lucky" McGarry, Paul Walker and Joe Beaulac.

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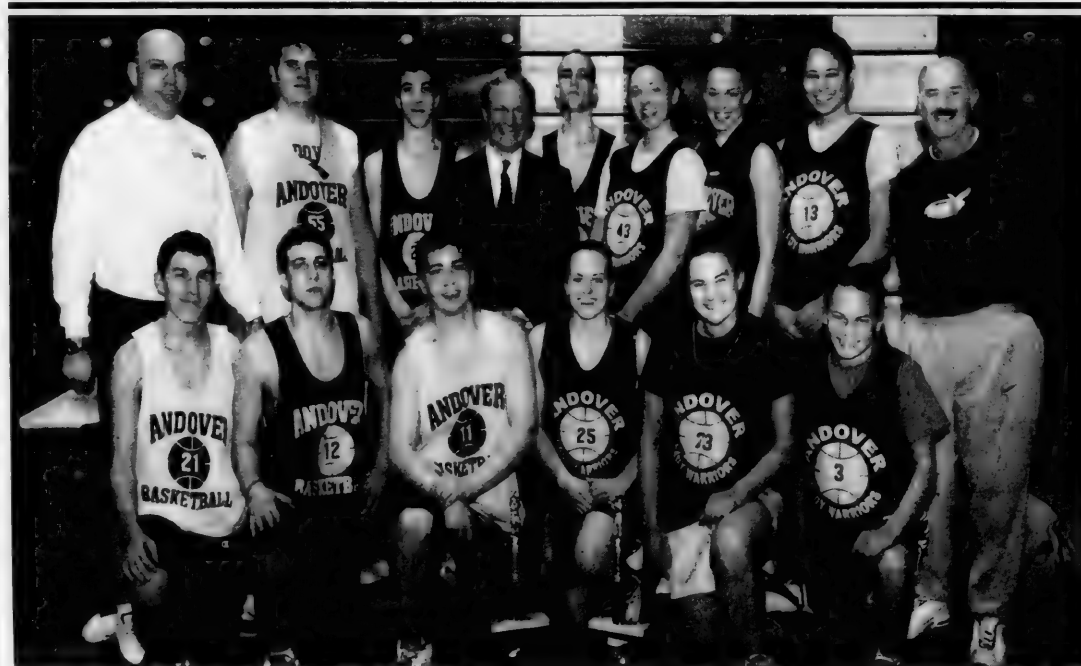
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SCORING SUMMARIES

BOYS GYMNASTICS

STATE TEAM
CHAMPIONSHIP MEET
at Burlington High
Team Scores

1. Braintree 179.25; 2. Newton North 165.65; 3. Burlington 164.55; 4. Attleboro 157.65; 5. ANDOVER 145.25; 6. Lowell 131.75; 7. Newton South 125.20.

Individual Events

POMMEL HORSE: 4. Andy O'Connell 7.3.
RINGS: 5. O'Connell 6.85.
VAULT: 5. (tie) O'Connell 8.55.

HIGH BAR: 6. O'Connell 7.0.
PARALLEL BARS: 6. O'Connell 7.5.
FLOOR EXERCISE: O'Connell 8.4.

All-Around: 1. Jason Shen (NewNor) 54.60; 4. Andy O'Connell (And) 45.60.

STATE COACHES

INDIVIDUAL INVITATIONAL

at Braintree High

Individual Events

(Andover Placers)

VAULT: 4. Andy O'Connell 8.3.
HIGH BAR: 4. Mike Fortier 5.4; 5. Scott Ebner 5.3.
PARALLEL BARS: O'Connell 7.5.
POMMEL HORSE: O'Connell 6.0.
RINGS: O'Connell 6.8.
FLOOR EXERCISE: O'Connell 7.8.
All-Around: 2. Andy O'Connell 43.80.

BOYS HOCKEY

WILMINGTON 2, ANDOVER 1
Newburyport Bank Classic
Semifinal Round Game
at Graf Rink, Newburyport

Andover 0 0 1 — 1
Wilmington 0 0 2 — 2

FIRST PERIOD: No scoring.
SECOND PERIOD: No scoring.
THIRD PERIOD: 1. W. Joe Giordano (unassisted), 2:14;

2. W. Tony Resendes (Zack Wilkins, Ed Tucker), 3:55;
3. A. Matt Colby 9 (Matt Quinlan), 11:04.

Shots by period: Andover 11-10-7-28, Wilmington 6-4-6-16. Goalsies: A. Dan Abreu (16 shots, 14 saves); W. Andy Berian (28 shots, 27 saves). Penalties: Andover 3, Wilmington 4. Records: Andover 7-11-2, Wilmington 10-10-1.

ANDOVER 1, TEWKSBURY 1

at Merrimack Valley Forum, Lawrence

Tewksbury 0 1 0 — 1
Andover 0 0 1 — 1

FIRST PERIOD: No scoring.
SECOND PERIOD: 1. T. Geoff Luciano (Ryan Walsh, Brian Macy), 4:22 (pp).

THIRD PERIOD: 2. A. Mike Van Campen 6 (Matt Colby, Brian Buckley), 7:14.

Shots by period: Andover 5-7-5-17, Tewksbury 10-11-6-27. Goalsies: A. Dan Abreu (27 shots, 26 saves); T. Bill Fabiano (17 shots, 16 saves). Penalties: Tewksbury 3, Andover 4. Record: Tewksbury 12-4-4.

CHELMSFORD 4, ANDOVER 1

at Chelmsford Forum, Billerica

Andover 0 0 1 — 1
Chelmsford 2 0 2 — 4

FIRST PERIOD: 1. C. Mark Trahan (Chris Greenwood, David Leach), 1:14; 2. C. Trahan (Leach), 3:27.

SECOND PERIOD: No scoring.
THIRD PERIOD: 3. A. P.J. Paonessa 1 (Matt Colby), 0:24;

4. C. Chris Apostolakes (Scott Aronson, Brad Miscovski), 2:34; 5. Aronson (Tim Ivers, Chris Hanson), 13:16 (sh).

Shots by period: Andover 11-15-14-40, Chelmsford 21-8-22-51. Goalsies: A. Dan Abreu (51 shots, 47 saves); C. Joe Marcaurelle (40 shots, 39 saves). Penalties: Andover 6, Chelmsford 5. Record: Chelmsford 9-10-2.

GIRLS HOCKEY

ANDOVER 10, MARBLEHEAD 2

MIAA Division 2 Tournament

First Round

Marblehead 0 0 2 — 2
Andover 5 2 3 — 10

FIRST PERIOD: 1. A. Maria Nasta 32 (Ashley Malins, Christina Cahill), 4:34; 2. A. Becky Cairns 15 (Adrienne Shea, Nasta), 5:22 (pp); 3. A. Allison Abreu 2 (unassisted), 10:50; 4. A. Nasta 33 (Jacqui Munro, Becky Johnson), 11:48; 5. A. Allison Burns 7 (Nasta, Munro), 14:59.

SECOND PERIOD: 6. A. Nasta 34 (Munro), 6:21; 7. A. Malins 10 (Shea, Ally Brown), 11:57.

THIRD PERIOD: 8. M. Courtney Calantunio (White, Snow), 0:27 (5-on-3 pp); 9. M. Bailey Colahan (Lalonde, Weber), 2:19 (pp); 10. A. Burns 8 (Megan Finn), 3:47; 11. A. Shea 12 (Cairns, Nasta), 14:26; 12. A. Nasta 35 (Cairns), 14:39.

Shots on goal: Andover 35, Marblehead 15. Goalsies: A. Christina Cahill & Dolly Beechinor (15 shots, 13 saves); M.

Margaux Stunzi (35 shots, 25 saves). Penalties: Andover 9, Marblehead 3. Records: Andover 13-4-4, Marblehead 8-5-4.

ANDOVER 3, LINCOLN-SADBURY 3

at Volpe Complex, Merrimack College

Lincoln-Sudbury 0 1 2 — 3
Andover 0 0 3 — 3

Andover Scoring

THIRD PERIOD: 2. A. Adrienne Shea 11 (Liz Roda, Christina Cahill), 3:49; 5. A. Maria Nasta 30 (Adrienne Shea), 8:28; 6. A. Nasta 31 (Becky Cairns), 14:42.

Shots on goal: Andover 34, Lincoln-Sudbury 34. Goalsies: A. Christina Cahill (34 shots, 31 saves); L.S. Sarah Perry (34 shots, 31 saves). Records: Andover 12-4-4, 5-4-3 league; Lincoln-Sudbury 13-6-1.

ANDOVER 8, BILLERICA 0

at Hallenborg Pavilion, Billerica

Andover 3 2 3 — 8
Billerica 0 0 0 — 0

FIRST PERIOD: 1. A. Sam Weinburg 4 (Maria Nasta), 3:32; 2. A. Nasta 28 (Adrienne Shea), 12:58; 3. A. Ashley Malins 7 (Becky Cairns), 14:55.

SECOND PERIOD: 4. A. Allison Abreu 1 (Weinburg), 0:34; 5. A. Allison Burns 6 (Malins, Cairns), 10:15.

THIRD PERIOD: 6. A. Nasta 29 (unassisted), 4:38; 7. A. Malins 8 (Kristen Castagliola), 11:36; 8. A. Malins 9 (unassisted), 13:00.

Shots on goal: Andover 40, Billerica 18. Goalsies: A. Dolly Beechinor (18 shots, 18 saves), 6th team shutout. Penalties: None.

ANDOVER 3, DUXBURY 0

at Plymouth

Andover 0 0 3 — 3
Duxbury 0 0 0 — 0

FIRST PERIOD: No scoring.
SECOND PERIOD: No scoring.

THIRD PERIOD: 1. A. Maria Nasta 26 (Sam Weinburg, Ashley Malins), 2:18; 2. A. Becky Cairns 14 (Malins, Allison Burns), 11:20; 3. A. Nasta 27 (Cairns, Adrienne Shea), 13:40 (pp).

Goalsies: A. Christina Cahill.

ALPINE SKIING

INTERSCHOLASTIC RACE

at Bradford Hill

Girls Division

Team Standing

1. ANDOVER.

1. Mallory Jaracz (And); 2. Brittany Roy (And); 3. Kerian Bartley (And)

Top Individuals

Boys Division

Team Standing

3. ANDOVER.

1. Jim Green; 6. Erik Fosse

Andover Top 10

BOVE MEMORIAL RACE

at Bradford Hill

(Andover Placers)

Girls Junior Division

2. Kayla Fosse; 4. Michelle Guy; 6. Cara Suglia; 8. Colleen Heath; 9. Dani Liffman; 10. Carly Holstein; 11. Julie Harker; 13. Jocelyn Chang; 14. Claire Snagaro.

Boys Junior Division

10. Matt Anderson; 13. Ben Nelson; 15. Sayo Maldari.

Girls Senior Division

1. Brittany Roy; 2. Mallory Jaracz; 4. Kenann Bartley; 7. Lauren Hayes; 8. Kara Bularzick.

Boys Senior Division

1. Jim Green; 5. Erik Fosse; 9. Doug Heath; 11. Dave Holstein; 13. Luke Bryden; 14. Ryan Greeley.

Note: 130 racers competed.

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North Shore League Meet

at Bradford Hill

(Andover Placers)

1. Brittany Roy 22.71; 2. (tie) Mallory Jaracz & Kerian Bartley 23.32; 4. Lauren Hayes 23.99; 5. Michelle Guy 24.33; 6. Kayla Fosse 24.77; 7. Cara Suglia 25.20; 9. Colleen Heath 25.46; 10. Courtney Reed 25.62; 12. Kara Bularzick 26.60; 13. Amanda Garrington 26.85.

Final Record: Andover 8-0. Note: AHS girls clinch third straight NSL title.

ANDOVER SCORING

GIRLS ICE HOCKEY
(23 games)

	FG	FT	Pts.
x-Maria Nasta	36	17	53
y-Becky Cairns	15	23	38
Adrienne Shea	13	22	35
Ashley Malins	11	20	31
Alison Burns	9	8	17
Jacqui Munro	6	8	14
Sam Weinburg	4	8	12
Allison Abreu	3	8	11
Liz Roda	3	4	7
Becky Johnson	3	3	6
Kim Chandler	1	4	5
Kristen Castagliola	1	3	4
Samantha Monson	1	3	4
Megan Finn	1	2	3
Ally Brown	0	2	2
Christina Cahill	0	2	2
Samantha Collins	0	2	2
Amy Marlow	1	0	1

x = set single-season school records for goals and points

y = set freshman records for goals, points and single-season school record for assists

Hat Tricks: Maria Nasta 3, Ashley Malins 1.

Shutouts: Christina Cahill 2; Dolly Beechinor 2; Cahill & Beechinor 1.

BOYS ICE HOCKEY
(20 games)

	FG	FT	Pts.
Matt Colby	10	4	14
Mike Van Campen	7	2	9
Toby Cohen	2	4	6
Colin Brennan	2	2	4
Brian Buckley	2	2	4
Joe Benedix	1	3	4
A.J. Drivas	2	1	3
Mike Muccio	1	2	3
Matt Fabiani	0	3	3
Greg Morissette	0	3	3
Matt Quinlan	1	1	2
Andrew Gatti	1	0	1
Phil Kim	1	0	1
P.J. Paonessa	1	0	1
Greg Carroll	0	1	1
Dan Godefroi	0	1	1
John Ianelli	0	1	1
James Kim	0	1	1
Mike Van Campen	0	1	1

Hat Tricks: Matt Colby 1.

Shutouts: Craig Espinola 3; Espinola & Zach Lebowitz 1.

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WARRIOR SCHOOL

Continued from page 20

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IN THE PLAYOFFS

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Jim Tildsley

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ning percentage.

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Education

Smith: \$90,000 for batteries questioned

By Ben Hellman

MONEY TO BUY NEW BATTERIES for school laptop computers will be included in the town's Capital Improvement Plan. Over the objection of School Committee member Christopher Smith, Smith said the annual expense should be included in the school's annual operating budget, to allow parents and other residents a clear view of school spending.

"Here the administration is looking to spend a sizeable amount of money on an expense that is not going to have a critical impact on the majority of students, or yield the results our residents want to see," said Smith. Smith said if the \$90,000 for laptop computer batteries were in the operating budget, parents would prefer to spend the money on hiring more teachers.

Andover's elementary laptop pilot program has received much attention, but parents of students in that program buy the batteries that power those machines. The batteries on the CIP would benefit mobile laptop labs at the elementary and middle school levels and teacher laptops at Andover High School.

Smith disagreed with other committee members about putting the expense in the school's capital improvement plan because he believes the laptop batteries are an annual purchase and do not meet the criteria of a capital expense. The town CIP defines capital projects as large expenses of at least \$15,000. Such expenses include land acquisition, construction projects, design plans or studies for such expenses, maintenance projects or new vehicles.

Smith put forward a motion at the last School Committee meeting, Tuesday, March 9, to remove the total \$90,000 cost of laptop batteries from the school curriculum and instruction request in the CIP. No member would second his motion.

Smith later suggested an amendment to member Tony James' motion seeking to approve the CIP with the batteries included. No member would second the amendment and James' motion passed 4-1, with Smith voting against.

Smith argued that laptop batteries are a consumable item, like a typewriter ribbon, and should be paid through the operating budget. Schools Business Manager Bernie Tuttle said the CIP has been used by the schools to take pressure off the operating budget.

Smith said including laptop batteries in the CIP complicates the budget process and discourages residents from becoming engaged in discussions. "I think this confuses the budget for the average resident," said Smith.

Administration and other members were concerned about the impact of including the batteries in the operating budget. "I don't give a hoot if they're capital improvement projects or not. I don't want the money taken from the operational budget," said member Dick Collins at the meeting.

Smith said he has exchanged correspondence with Town Counsel Tom Urbelis on the matter to check the legality of putting the batteries in the CIP budget. He shared the material from Urbelis with his fellow members, but it did not sway their vote.

Smith said the rising cost of laptop batteries will be an unsustainable cost in future years, according to projections given by Schools Technology Coordinator Ray Tode.

James argued that the matter should be reviewed in the summer, after the current budget is approved.

SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

By Ben Hellman

AHS student to lead Boston comic headliners

Andover High School senior Dale Spollett says he is ready for his three minutes of fame. That's how long Spollett will get to win over the crowd at this week's "Comedy Extravaganza III."

The Collins Center comedy event will feature more than eight Boston-based comics with an opening by local music group Jada.

Spollett, who is well-known on the AHS stage for musical theater performances, has also been cultivating a comedy act since his freshman year.

Spollett says he is excited to have the opportunity.

"A lot of these guys have been on national television. It's a little unreal to have my name on the same bill," says Spollett.

The performance is tomorrow night, Friday, March 19 at 8. Tickets are \$20.

DI capturing Andover imaginations

Six Andover teams qualified to move on to the state Destination Imagination competition last week and had more students involved than in previous years, says Doherty mom Stephanie Maze-Hsu. Destination Imagination is an imagination-based problem-solving competition that involves building sets and creating performances.



Susan Infantine, second-grade teacher at Shawsheen School, reads "Mirette On The High Wire" by Emily Arnold McCully, part of the school's science program theme on weighing and balance.

Shawsheen: No changes planned

Closing the K-2 school 'not an option,' Bach says

By Ben Hellman

CLOSING SHAWSHEEN SCHOOL or altering how the building is used is not an option for the 2004-05 school year, said Superintendent Claudia Bach. But parent Kristin Wise believes all options for the magnet school should be investigated if Andover cannot afford to meet the state mandate forcing it to increase classroom hours at Andover High School.

Wise, Townwide PTO moderator, said she is speaking for herself, and not for a larger group.

Shawsheen School is a kindergarten to grade 2 school to which parents from any district in Andover can choose to send their children.

Over the years, there has been a lot of discussion about closing the building or using it differently — such as for administration, all-day kindergarten or special education only. Wise's comments rekindle a long-running debate about how to best use the facility.

Bach presented a plan recently showing the impact on other elementary schools if Shawsheen School closed and all students were returned to their neighborhood schools.

Bach's projection showed that closing

Shawsheen would put classrooms in every elementary school over "optimum capacity" in September 2004.

The results:

- High Plain Elementary would be six rooms over optimum capacity;
- West Elementary, six rooms over;
- Bancroft, one room over;
- Sanborn, two rooms over; and
- South, five rooms over.

"If the school department has to close the (budget) gap themselves, I think they need to look to every single expenditure."

KRISTIN WISE, PARENT AND TOWNWIDE PTO MODERATOR

Bach said if the building were closed it would be costly to reopen later, because it would have to be renovated to meet current government standards for things such as handicapped accessibility.

Bach's plan had each of the elementary schools starting on-site preschool classes, for as few as six students in the case of High Plain Elementary.

Bach has not offered alternative plans to keep Shawsheen open as a townwide all-day kindergarten school or as an administrative building, ideas that have been floated in the past.

But using Shawsheen for different purposes should be explored if Andover cannot close the budget deficit, said Wise. The mother of two daughters at Andover High, Wise has advocated for bringing AHS in line with the Depart-

ment of Education mandates for learning time. "If the school department has to close the (budget) gap themselves, I think they need to look to every single expenditure," said Wise.

Shawsheen School currently has 276 students, putting it 12 students over capacity.

The enrollment total counts 71 students enrolled in the preschool program, said Bach.

Enrollment projections for September 2004 are not yet available for the K-2 program, but the school's K-2 enrollment has shrunk during the last three years. In October 2001, there were 256 K-2 students.

In October 2002, there were 226 K-2 students.

In October 2003, there were 205 K-2 students.

The preschool enrollment has grown in recent years. The projection for September 2004 is 108. The preschool program is made up of both typically developing children and those who have been diagnosed with learning disabilities, said Bach. "That (preschool) population is growing," she said.

Wise said the administration has not provided information showing whether closing Shawsheen would save the schools money.

"I haven't seen any data. I don't know what the cost savings would be because I haven't seen any calculations," said Wise.

More than 21 Andover teams, from each of the public schools, St. Augustine and Andover School of Montessori, competed at the regional competition, hosted for the fifth year at Andover High School last Saturday, March 13.

Teams from High Plain, Sanborn and South elementary schools, and Wood Hill and Doherty middle schools did well enough to move on to the state finals, to be held at Worcester Polytechnical Institute on Saturday, March 20.

Andover teams competed with more than 50 other teams from the Merrimack Valley region. A team from West Elementary School won the Da Vinci award, DI's top prize for creativity, for the second year in a row.

Award-winning children's authors visit

2004 Newbery Medal-winning illustrator and author Timothy Basil Ering visited West Elementary and Bancroft Elementary's literacy events this week. Ering is the writer and illustrator of *The Story of Frog Belly Rat Bone*. 2004 Caldecott Medal-winning author Mordicai Gerstein is expected to speak at both schools on Friday.

West Elementary is running its ninth annual West Elementary Reading and Writing Conference (WERAWC). Bancroft Elementary is running its fledgling Worlds of Words (WOW) program. Both events have writers and illustrators of children's books visiting the schools.

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SCHOOL TALK

A total of 37 eighth-grade Latin students at **West Middle School** sat for the National Latin Exam on March 10.

The exam is given every year throughout the United States and 10 foreign countries and tests the students' knowledge of

Latin vocabulary and grammar, Roman history and culture, and mythology. This is the second consecutive year the exam has been given at West.

Last year West students won 11 awards, including seven medals and achieved two per-

fect scores.

The West Middle School Certamen team (Latin quiz competition) placed second in the state preliminaries held at Quabbin Regional High School on March 13.

According to Latin teacher

and coach **Scott Barker**, the team of **Zach Zimmerman, Veda Eswarrappa, Ken Schumacher, Michael Primes** and **Peter Galvin** will compete in the state finals at UMass Amherst on May 1.

Students at **High Plain and West Elementary** schools will participate in the Boston Celtics-Easter Seals Basketball Shoot-Out Clinic on Wednesday, March 31 at the FleetCenter.

Sponsored annually by **TJ Maxx** and the **Boston Celtics**, the program teaches young people about disabilities - then gives them a chance to help.

Participating students sink as many baskets as they can during a three-minute period in the school gym. Each basket earns money pledged by family and friends. The funds raised support Easter Seals vital services that help people with disabilities expand their independence.

Those students who raise a minimum of \$475 are eligible for the Celtics clinic.

Fifty Basketball Shoot-Out fund-raisers, including **Gregory Dreyfus, Molly Smith, Laim Doherty** and **Joe Benson** from Andover, will participate in the basketball clinic.

Boston Celtic Walter McCarty hosts the clinic, sharing tips on timing and technique.

Other winners may receive Celtics T-shirts, sweatshirts and hats.

Spelling Bee returns April 2

AFE says, 'Get in on the spelling action - Bee there'

What do *agglomerate*, *supersede*, *concatenate* and *cavil* all have in common? Each of these words stumped one or more teams at last year's fun-filled Andover Fund for Education Spelling Bee. The West Elementary Goodspellas weren't tripped up however as they correctly spelled the final word, *corrodible*, to win last year's spelling bee. The West Elementary Goodspellas, Kelly Doherty, Mary Miller, Nancy Ross and Martha Tubinis, are planning to return this year to see if they can spell *r-e-p-e-a-t*, and a few more challenging words, and win the bee two years in a row.

On Friday, April 2 at 7 p.m., more than 20 teams of four adults each will strive to correctly spell this year's selection of challenging words at Wood Hill Middle School, and take home the winner's trophy.

Each team pays \$200 to participate. The money goes towards grants awarded to teachers in the Andover public schools for innovative projects that enhance the core curriculum. Recent grants have included support for a science project led by Wood Hill Middle School teachers Laura Stella and Joan Veznaian where student build catapults to launch marshmallows over a retaining pond.

Barbara Bunn and Linda Meltzer at Sanborn Elementary have received a grant for two consecutive years to establish take-home science kits for students to borrow from the media center.

Spring grant applications are due Thursday, April 15. Local businesses, schools and civic organizations are invited to sponsor teams to enter the Spelling Bee. Teams work together to spell words so there is no solo spelling. The teams compete in rounds, with the winner of each round joining a final Championship "Spell-Off."

Costumes are encouraged for both the teams and their supporters in the audience. A "spirit parade" is held for audience participants to show off their spirit for the schools they support. A Spirit Trophy is awarded to the school displaying the most spirit by both team and audience participants.

The public is invited to cheer on the teams; admission is free. "You may even learn how to spell a new word or two while you are enjoying the fun," organizers said. Anyone interested in taking part can contact Bill Kane at 978-475-5041.

Students have a heart while skipping rope

EIGHTY-NINE of **South Elementary's** fourth- and fifth-graders, and 75 of **Sanborn School's** fourth- and fifth-graders jumped rope for one hour, participating in a Jump Rope for Heart Event last month to help fight heart disease and stroke.

South students collected \$8,800; while Sanborn students raised more than \$5,000, the most money they've raised in 10 years, organizers said.



Kelsey Jamieson and Graeme Johnson were South's top fourth- and fifth-grade fund-raisers.



Sanborn student **Elise Brogan** (left) jumps rope while her teammates (from left) **Sarah Gillis, Erika Spinale** and **Shannon Callahan** cheer her on.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Here's what's for lunch in the Andover public schools next week, March 22-26:

Elementary schools

Monday: Nachos with box of raisins, spaghetti and marinara sauce with roll, baked chicken nuggets, fruit, veggie and milk.

Tuesday: Corn dog with fries, chocolate chip pancakes, pizza stick with soft pretzel, fruit whip, fruit, veggie and milk.

Wednesday: Barbecued ribs with rice, cheeseburger with pretzels, pizza ring, fruit, veggie, yellow cake with glaze and milk.

Thursday: Meatloaf with corn and mashed potato, baked chicken nuggets, french toast sticks with sausage, fruit, veggie and milk.

Friday: Mozzarella sticks with fries, hot dog, slice of pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Doherty Middle School

Monday: Fried chicken with mashed potato, stuffed crust pizza, nachos with taco meat and cheese sauce, fruit, veggie and milk.

Tuesday: Fish-and-chips, two hot dogs with chips, baked chicken nuggets, fruit, veggie and milk.

Wednesday: Corn dog on a stick, bakery

pizza, mozzarella sticks with fries, fruit, veggie and milk.

Thursday: French toast with sausages, spaghetti and meatballs, baked chicken nuggets, fruit, veggie and milk.

Friday: Tuna sub with soup, chicken McSchool, fruit, veggie, yellow cake with frosting and milk.

Secondary schools

Monday: Roast pork dinner, macaroni and meatballs, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Tuesday: Chicken McSchool, bakery pizza, rotini ilio olio, fruit, veggie, vanilla pudding and milk.

Wednesday: Oven-baked chicken with potato and cranberry sauce, stuffed crust pizza, meatball sub with chips, fruit, veggie and milk.

Thursday: Bagel pizza, chicken parm sandwich with chips, fruit, veggie and milk.

Friday: Bacon and egg bagel, stuffed crust pizza, rotini and meat sauce, fruit, veggie and milk.

For prices or other information about lunches, call Karen Pappa, food services director, at 978-623-8622.

Pike School hosting educators' conference April 8

On Thursday, April 8, Pike School will host a conference for private, public and parochial educators throughout the area. The keynote speaker for the day will be Dr. Michael Thompson, a consultant, author and psychologist specializing in children and families. He is the co-author of the *New York Times* best-selling books *Raising Cain: Protecting the Emotional Life of Boys* and *Best Friends/Worst Enemies: Understanding the Social Worlds of Children*.

Thompson's morning discussion is entitled "Smarter Than We Think: What Kids Know About School that Adults Have Forgotten." He will take teachers back, to see school once again through the eyes of children. From a child's point of view, school is not a race, or about preparation, or even a level playing field. It is a long-distance hike in which a child is trying to find a sense of fit.

The topic for the afternoon will be "Best Friends/Worst Enemies: Friendship Development,

Popularity and Social Cruelty in Childhood."

Thompson will draw on research to highlight differences between friendship and popularity, and present suggestions about the management of social problems in schools. While all children yearn for popularity, it is friendship that helps children survive and thrive.

The day will also provide an opportunity for local elementary and middle school teachers to present hour-long workshops to their peers, to highlight the ongoing research they are conducting and to collaborate with one another.

John M. Waters, head of school, said, "A goal of this conference is to foster the connections among teachers in this region. It is my belief that by giving the opportunity for teachers to meet one another, we might create a local network that will be beneficial to all participants."

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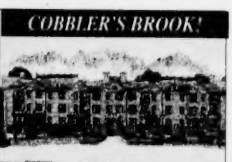
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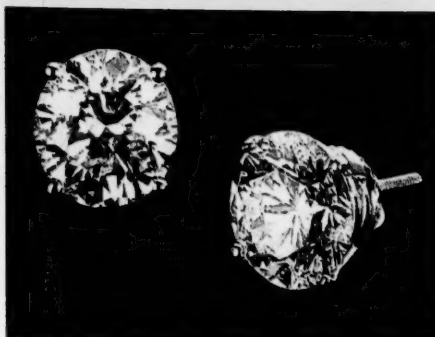


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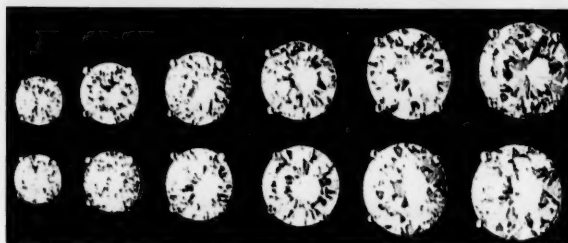
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